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SAY IT AIN'T SNOW

A city snowplow is seen on Colonel By Drive pushing its way through Ottawa's last big brush with the white stuff in February. Facing a forecast that calls for 10 cm of snow, sleet and general yuckiness, the city says it has gone through 85 per cent of its snow-clearing budget and may need to eat into reserves to take care of next November and December. See story on page 6. SEAN MCKIBBON/METRO

ByWard needs a rethink, or else: Report

Market in danger.
Too many bars and restaurants, not enough produce and public space, experts say

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The ByWard Market is in trouble.

Produce vendors have been leaving the area like rats from a sinking ship for a decade and it will take big changes to save the area's character, says a new report recommending that an arms-length non-profit oversee the market.

"If nothing is done, the city is in danger of losing the public market forever," says the report by Project for Public Spaces (PPS), a New York-based non-profit hired by the city and the Market BIA to evaluate the area's health and future.

"The market is struggling to keep farmers and fresh food retailers, while other uses, such as bars and restaurants, predominate and are displacing these historic uses," says the study.

Rowdy club kids are littering vendors' stalls with garbage and pan handlers are scaring away tourists whose needs often come before people who actually live in the area, said PPS. PPS, who also helped revitalize Times Square, laid out the problems they saw on a visit last September.

"There shouldn't be any surprises. A similar report had been done in the '90s that said exactly the same thing," said Rideau-Vanier councillor Mathieu Fleury, who sits on the steering committee for the project.

With so many "loops and channels" city staff have to jump through, not much in the area gets done easily, Fleury argued. A central authority would help, he said.

In addition to recommending a discount on parking for those who buy food in the area, the report also suggests opening up the area in front of the market for entertainment.

Fleury agrees and suggested bringing more buskers and street entertainment back to the city.

"The entire animation of the market is something we need to put more attention into," he added.

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Cops offered class in self-defence technique with a bad rap

Krav Maga.
LAPD uses it and Ottawa police should consider adopting it, instructor says

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Go for the eyes, throat and all those soft bits: Those are the prime instructions civilians will take away from learning the self-defence of Krav Maga. Yet when it comes to training cops, the reverse is true for the often brutal technique.

"There's a lot of misconceptions about it because, on the civilian side, it has a reputation for being brutal," Laurent Mougeot, head instructor of Krav Maga Ottawa, said of a training session on Saturday for Ottawa police and RCMP. It was held at Carleton University with master Avi Moyal.

"Law enforcement has to deal with control techniques without damaging the person. So it's about how to use the least amount of force," Mougeot said, noting that police are often trained with weapons, but the use of force apart from guns is not extensive. "Suspects are often shot if they're holding a knife. But there are a lot of things police can do to control them without putting themselves in danger."

When and where

- Both Krav Maga classes take place on Saturday at Norm Fenn Gym at Carleton University. Passes cost up to $100. To learn more, go to kravmagaottawa.com

Everyday officers have the potential to find themselves in situations in which the techniques of Krav Maga, developed in the 1970s for the Israeli Defence Force, could come into play, he said. But the technique is not endorsed by Ottawa police; nor is it part of their training.

"We're not part of it; (nor do we) use that technique," said police spokesman Const. Marc Soucy. "If OPS members want to go on their own time, that's up to them."

"The more an officer has tools, the less use of force he will have to do," Mougeot said.

Moyal will also offer a class for civilians with no martial arts or self-defence training on how to avoid and defend themselves against home invasions. "We've had a lot of stories of home invasion in the newspapers," Mougeot said. "Like most Krav Maga, we start the teaching by prevention and awareness. When something happens, what are the first things you can do to escape?"

Thierry Cimkauskas, right, takes a rifle from Krav Maga instructor Laurent Mougeot in a demonstration at Carleton University. CONTRIBUTED

Two men are charged with stealing bins of grease from a west Ottawa restaurant. JOE LOFARO/METRO

Quebec men nabbed in grease-bin theft

Two men from Laval, Que., face theft charges after police say they caught them with bins of grease that had been stolen from outside a west Ottawa restaurant.

"It's the first time I've seen it in Ottawa," said Ottawa police Acting Staff Sgt. Jamie Aldrich. He said the grease is valuable to thieves because it can be used to make biofuel for diesel engines.

Bill Mavros, 25, and George Mavros, 26, were charged with three counts each of theft under $5,000 and one count of possession of property obtained by crime.

Police arrested the men just before 11 p.m. on Tuesday after a uniformed police officer noticed a suspicious van in the 200 block of Bank Street. The officer discovered the van contained grease bins from a restaurant in the 200 block of Hunt Club Road. Police allege the men stole grease from the same restaurant in January, February and March.

Grease theft is a problem in the United States and it has happened in Toronto, Aldrich said. He recommended that restaurant owners protect their grease bins by locking them up, even if they're kept outside.

Both of the accused will appear in court on May 1.

Police are asking anyone with information about these types of thefts to call the east district investigations office at 613-236-1222, ext. 3356, or Crime Stoppers at 613-233-8477 (TIPS).

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Report. Satisfaction up with OC Transpo services

Customer satisfaction with OC Transpo took a turn for the better in 2012, according to a report heading to Ottawa's transit commission next week.

Of the customers surveyed in 2012, 73 per cent gave a "positive reaction" to OC Transpo's performance. That's up from 2011, when only 59 per cent of transit users gave OC Transpo the thumbs-up.

Complaints against OC Transpo drivers decreased for the fifth straight year, to 20 per one million customer trips. The report notes: "OC Transpo received close to one compliment (17 per one million customer trips) for every complaint voiced by customers about operator behaviour."

The year wasn't all rosy, however. Ridership in 2012 decreased by 2.4 per cent compared to the previous year, to 101 million trips from 103.5 million in 2011. The report notes, however, that 2012 saw the second highest ridership level ever. For comparison, ridership in 2010 was only 99.3 million trips. It was 83.2 million in 2009, and 93.9 million in 2008.

OC Transpo chalks up the decline to federal public service cuts, saying employment is the primary factor driving ridership.

As that climate continues, OC Transpo does not expect significant changes in ridership for 2013.

ALEX BOUTILIER/METRO

Students. Age cap on bus-fare discount causes stir

Frustration is building at the Algonquin College Students' Association over what it calls unfair bus fares for students, and its president wants the city's transit commission chair Dianne Deans to commit to a meeting on Monday.

David Corson has been fighting for almost a year to get the city to scrap the age cap for student bus passes sold by OC Transpo. Currently, students at the college and other educational institutions who are not part of the U-Pass Program and are over 19 years old must pay the adult fare.

The difference between a regular adult pass and a regular student pass is $19.50 per month. For a monthly express pass, the difference between adult and student fares is $28.75.

Those fares will increase slightly on July 1.

"I'm hoping it happens because otherwise the board needs to decide what actions to take," he said, adding the board is reviewing their legal options with their lawyers.

Deans said in an interview Thursday she discussed the issue with Coun. Rick Chiarelli on Wednesday, but said her office was not aware of any request to meet on Monday.

She reiterated the city's previous position that the student body should hold a referendum on implementing the U-Pass, which students at Carleton University and the University Ottawa pay for through their tuition fees.

Corson has previously said that is not an option because there are a number of students who drive their car from rural areas. JOE LOFARO/METRO

A Para Transpo bus travels down Albert Street Thursday evening. ALEX BOUTILIER/METRO

No Presto for Para Transpo users — yet

New system. While there are currently barriers to providing smart card to Para Transpo riders, they will eventually get them

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The "challenges outweigh the benefits" when it comes to introducing the new Presto card for Para Transpo users, according to city staff.

But that doesn't mean that Para Transpo users will be left out of the smart-card transit system forever. According to a staff report heading to Ottawa's transit commission next week, Para Transpo is currently developing a smart-card system that uses the current reservation-and-scheduling software, as well as providing safe and secure electronic purchases.

In the meantime, Para Transpo users will rely on the current paper-pass system.

"The department feels that in implementing another fare medium on an interim basis for Para Transpo staff and contracted taxi drivers, it will add some operational complexities, including the challenge of administering the appropriate checks and balances when examining a receipt for its validity," the report notes.

OC Transpo is in the midst of the R&D phase with the card, and will be looking for input from Para Transpo users until the end of June. A staff report on the implementation of the new card system — which OC Transpo says it's fully committed to — is expected to be tabled later this year.

Research and development

June

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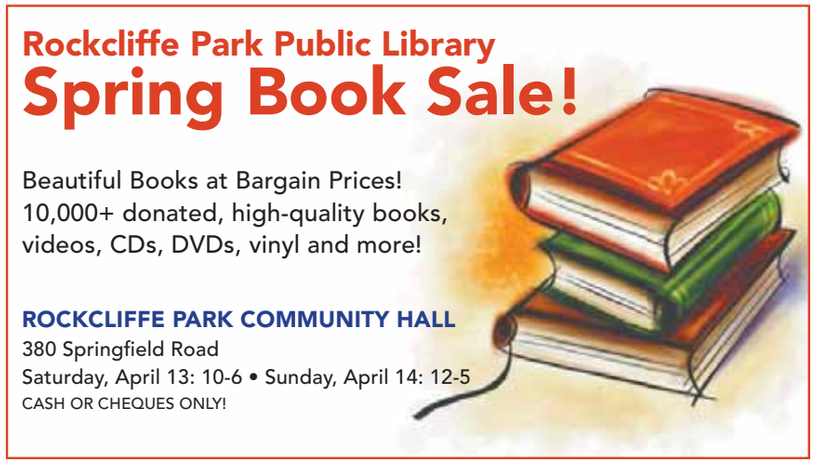
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City's winter budget about to cry 'uncle'

Yet another storm. Authorities say they'll do what it takes to keep roads clear, but they ask drivers to do their part too

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The city has plowed through 85 per cent of its $56-million winter-works budget as it prepares for the last stubborn gasp of winter this weekend.

Ottawa is expected to get walloped with between 10 and 15 centimetres of snow and ice pellets Friday.

City crews have already begun preparations, removing street sweepers from their trucks and reattaching snow-clearing gear.

"We'll be pre-salting, getting ready for it, (and) monitoring the weather as it comes in, and then deploying equipment as needed," said Kevin Wylie, the city's manager of roads, traffic operations and maintenance.

"It's something you don't really want to be doing, but we have to do it."

This seemingly never-ending winter has dumped 110 cm more snow than the previous year, according to Wylie, driving up costs. The city is expected to have to dip into $10 million set aside in its winter reserve fund.

That's not a huge concern for Wylie, who said the service has to be provided. The winter months don't always co-operate with the best-laid budgetary plans.

"We have a reserve we can use at any time, for any exceptional winters," Wylie said.

Coun. Keith Egli, who chairs the city's transportation committee, encouraged drivers to take it slow while crews take care of the mess, or to take public transit to reduce the number of cars on the road.

Bring on the storm

"We're well prepared for the storm. We got a lot of advance notice and we're just asking everyone to drive reasonably."
Coun. Keith Egli

Feed with your heart, Ottawa!

Two Ottawa women got a chance to meet two of their favourite singers at the NAC Thursday as they prepared a food drive for the Ottawa Food Bank in conjunction with a concert by The Tenors. Fraser Walters and Clifton Murray took a break from rehearsing for the Feed With Your Heart project to meet the women. From left: Walters poses with Hélène Perrier, Clifton Murray, Melonie Allen and Patti Murphy, director of communications for the Food Bank. With three sold-out shows Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Perrier and Allen are hoping to collect 6,500 food items. SEAN MCKIBBON/METRO

Vacant buildings

City's eyesore crackdown to get two deputies

Ottawa City Hall intends to commit two full-time staff to investigate 40 vacant and dilapidated buildings across the city as part of a crackdown on negligent property owners.

In a report, city staff outline immediate and potential future measures to ensure property owners keep up their properties.

"The city is seeking to improve the maintenance of vacant buildings by undertaking proactive enforcement of existing regulations and, in the longer term, by strengthening those regulations as well as potentially introducing new ones," the report says. ALEX BOUTILIER/METRO

Thief on the loose

Cops on the hunt for east-side bank robber

Ottawa police are looking for a man they believe robbed two banks in the city's east side earlier this month.

The first robbery occurred at a bank on the 0-100 block of Beechwood Avenue on April 2. The man produced a note that indicated he was armed and wanted cash. He fled with an undisclosed amount of money.

The second robbery came two days later, when a man entered a bank on the 2600 block of Innes Road. Again, the suspect passed a note again demanding cash and indicating he was armed. He again fled with an undisclosed amount of cash. METRO

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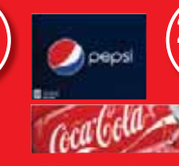

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Teachers' union engaged in illegal strike action: Ruling

ETFO. Withdrawal of extracurriculars violated Education Act, labour board finds

The Elementary Teachers' Federation broke the law when it advised members to withdraw from extracurricular activities, the Ontario Labour Relations Board ruled Thursday — weeks after the union lifted its ban on after class clubs and sports.

Most of the province's public elementary and secondary school teachers stopped supervising extracurricular activities last fall to protest legislation that imposed contracts with a two-year wage freeze on 126,000 educators.

Education Minister Liz Sandals, keen to repair relations with teachers, said only that the government would review the board's ruling.

The Progressive Conservatives said the ruling vindicates their position that the union had no right to tell teachers not to supervise extracurricular activities.

The Trillium Lakelands and Upper Canada District school boards challenged the Elementary Teachers' Federation's decision to advise its members to stop participating in after-class activities.

The board ruled ETFO engaged in illegal strike action under Ontario's Education Act, but the ruling only applies to the union's actions within those two boards.

ETFO had appealed to have the matter dropped because the province later repealed Bill 115, after it was used to impose contracts on teachers Jan. 1.

But the board said even though the bill was repealed, the collective agreements imposed by the legislation continued to exist and be in force.

"The withdrawal ... in voluntary co-instructional (or extracurricular) activities ... constitutes a 'strike' within the meaning of the Education Act," the board said in its ruling.

The union said it will abide by the ruling, adding the decision confirms its assertion that the advice to members about withdrawing voluntary services was not a directive.

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Rovers looking to set an example ahead of Good Turn Week

Rovers, from left, Ian Wilenious, 21, Casey Majetic, 18, Alaine Spiwak, 19, and Afua Renner, 20, fan out for a spring cleanup at Celebration Park at 200 Central Park Dr. The youths were there to kick off Scouts Canada's Good Turn Week, running April 13 to 21. Spiwak told Metro the week was "established by youth in scouting in order to encourage Canadians of all ages to reach out and make a difference in someone's life and do a random act of kindness." SEAN MCKIBBON/METRO

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Star-studded mourners

Thatcher's funeral grandest in decade

Invitations to Margaret Thatcher's funeral are going out to more than 2,000 celebrities, dignitaries, colleagues and friends of the late British leader — from former U.S. presidents to Dynasty star Joan Collins and composer Andrew Lloyd Webber.

Thatcher, who died Monday at the age of 87, will be given a funeral with military honours at St. Paul's Cathedral on Wednesday.

Though not officially a state funeral, it is the grandest such service seen in Britain since the death in 2002 of Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother.

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Guatemala

Four dead, 96 ill due to food poisoning

Authorities in Guatemala say four people have died and 96 others have been hospitalized for food poisoning in a town west of the nation's capital.

The fire department said the victims include children who ate produce that wasn't properly cleaned. A doctor at one of the hospitals said that the deaths were caused by E. coli.

Two of Julio Gervacio Rac's children died, and his wife and three other children are still in hospital. He said the family dined Wednesday on broccoli and eggs purchased from a local market. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Texas college stabbing

Documents depict accused as a would-be Hannibal Lecter

A man accused of a mass stabbing at a Texas college told investigators that he had fantasized about cannibalism and necrophilia and about cutting off people's faces and wearing them as masks, according to a court document released Thursday.

Dylan Quick is being held on three counts of aggravated assault for Tuesday's attack at Lone Star Community College that injured 14.

A search-warrant affidavit stated a "Hannibal Lecter Mask" and an animal dissection kit were seized from his home. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Baird not sorry for meeting on disputed land

Jerusalem. Palestinian Liberation Organization fears minister has set a 'dangerous precedent'

Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird says he did not cross a line by holding a meeting with Israel's justice minister in her East Jerusalem office.

Baird met Tuesday with Tzipi Livni across the Green Line in disputed territory, which the Palestinians and the UN consider occupied land.

Baird says where he has coffee with someone is "irrelevant" to the larger discussion of Middle East peace and does not signal a shift in Canadian foreign policy.

"We're focused on trying to have an impact on the difficult and serious challenges, that being security for Israelis, an end to the conflict, and the legitimate aspirations for a state from those in the Palestinian side," he said during a news conference in London, following a meeting of G8 foreign ministers.

Previous Canadian government ministers have avoided crossing into East Jerusalem with Israeli officials as a matter of principle and practice.

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About what, not where

"I'm not interested in getting into the semantic argument about whether you have a meeting ... on one side of the street (or another)."

Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird

Jolie and the G8 supporting the 'forgotten victims' of war

Angelina Jolie brought her celebrity wattage to London on Thursday to back an urgent cause: fighting sexual violence in military conflicts. The Hollywood star joined British Foreign Secretary William Hague in announcing $36 million in additional funding from G8 nations to go toward preventing sexual violence and ensuring justice for its survivors. For too long, Jolie said, survivors of sexual violence have been "the forgotten victims" of wars in the Middle East, Africa and elsewhere. "Today, I believe that their voices have been heard," she said, alongside Hague, U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry and others at a meeting of foreign ministers from G8 nations. ALASTAIR GRANT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Vigil remembers Rehtaeh Parsons

Halifax. N.S. premier says he hopes measures aimed at improving mental-health services, policing and education will be rolled out soon

Several hundred people attend a community vigil to remember Rehtaeh Parsons at Victoria Park in Halifax on Thursday. Family say she ended her life following months of bullying after an alleged sexual assault. ANDREW VAUGHAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

People filled a park in Halifax on Thursday night to remember Rehtaeh Parsons, holding candles and burning incense as native drummers played a drum song dedicated to the 17-year-old girl.

Many held photocopied pictures of Rehtaeh on a sunny evening as dusk fell. A native elder read a prayer: "We pray for an end to violence against young women and girls."

A number of politicians attended the vigil, including Premier Darrell Dexter and Halifax Mayor Mike Savage.

The girl's family says Rehtaeh hanged herself last week and was later taken off life-support following months of bullying after she was sexually assaulted by four boys and a photo of the alleged incident was distributed.

Rehtaeh's cousin Angella Parsons appealed for a reasoned response to Rehtaeh's death. "My family asks people not to respond with violence and aggression to this terrible tragedy," she told the crowd through tears. "We are coming together in memory of Rehtaeh.... To celebrate her life."

The RCMP have said they are aware of reports that some are suggesting harm against people involved in the investigation.

Earlier Thursday, Dexter told the legislature he wanted a timely response to satisfy the public's concerns about Rehtaeh's case.

"I will do everything in my power to create a community that is better equipped to prevent these situations, rather than a community that struggles to find a way to deal with them," Dexter said.

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Remembering Rehtaeh

"She was a remarkable young woman."

Rehtaeh's cousin Angella Parsons

Beyond bullying

PM responds

Prime Minister Stephen Harper says it's time to stop using the word bullying to describe what's alleged to have happened to Rehtaeh.

He says what has been described in this case is criminal. "It is youth criminal activity. It is violent criminal activity. It is sexual criminal activity and it is often Internet criminal activity."

He told reporters he was shocked and saddened by the death, especially since he and his wife Laureen are parents of a teenage girl themselves.

Harper says the federal government will do what it can to encourage anti-bullying strategies and he is encouraged by the actions being taken by the province.

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Cyberbullying. Action, dialogue critical: Experts

With digital technology and social media increasingly used by bullies to taunt their targets, it's never been easier for harmful messages and images aimed at tormenting victims to be spread to the masses.

While some youth may be unsure of how to stop the chain of cyberbullying, experts say that simply remaining idle is not the answer.

"If a child receives a photo circulated through social media there are many things that he or she can do. Perhaps the most important thing is to let someone know and not be part of the problem, but part of the solution," said Debra Pepler, scientific co-director of PREVNet, a national authority on research and resources for bullying prevention.

"Being part of the problem is sending that on to other people, writing derisive comments about it; in some way joining the bullying rather than indicating dissatisfaction and displeasure with it."

PREVNet (Promoting Relationships and Eliminating Violence Network) has several tips on its website geared towards teens on how to deal with cyberbullying.

Among them: talk to a trusted adult; "pause and think" before sending messages; don't ignore instincts when seeing or receiving messages which seem aggressive or over the line; and let the sender of an offending message know you're not OK with cyberbullying. Teens are also advised to make a copy of the message before deleting it.

Amanda Todd posted a video before committing suicide as a result of cyberbullying. YOUTUBE/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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‘White-hat’ hackers. Students get real-world cyber-security training

Every week, a group of teens and 20-somethings gets together on a college campus, turn up music and begin hacking into computer networks.

But they’re not criminals: They’re students training to become “white-hat” hackers, experts that help business and government agencies protect their data from cyber-attacks.

Since actual hacking is illegal, students can’t just sneak into a webpage and poke around. So industry experts and professors collaborate to create exercises that expose them to real-world hacking scenarios.

“Becoming good at security involves doing these challenges, exercises that put you in the context even if it’s artificial and made up,” says NYU-Poly professor Nasir Memon.

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Julian Cohen, 22, looks at his computer in the Information Systems and Internet Security lab at the Polytechnic Institute of New York University Wednesday in New York. CRAIG RUTTLE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Fox site pulls Coulter column

No laughing matter. Conservative commentator told to ‘get a life’ after remark about shooting senator’s daughter

The Fox Nation website has removed a column by Ann Coulter because it had a reference to killing the daughter of Sen. John McCain.

Coulter wrote about how MSNBC’s Martin Bashir suggested Republican senators wouldn’t support gun-control legislation until a member of their family was killed. She wrote: “Let’s start with Meghan McCain!”

In response, McCain’s mother, Cindy, tweeted that “Ann Coulter needs to get a life!”

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Ann Coulter gestures while speaking at the Conservative Political Action Conference in Washington on Feb. 10, 2012. J. SCOTT APPLEWHITE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Hate crime

2 arrested in U.K. for assault on ‘emo’ teen

British police say they have arrested two people over an assault on an “emo” teenage boy — the first to be recorded in the country as an alternative-subculture hate crime.

Short for “emotional punk,” the term refers to a style of rock music and associated fashion.

Greater Manchester Police said they detained a 14-year-old boy and a 44-year-old man after receiving reports that a 16-year-old boy who described himself as an “emo” was assaulted.

The police force said last week they would begin recording offences against members of “goths, emos, punks and metallers” in the same way they do attacks based on race, religion, disability, sexual orientation or transgender identity.

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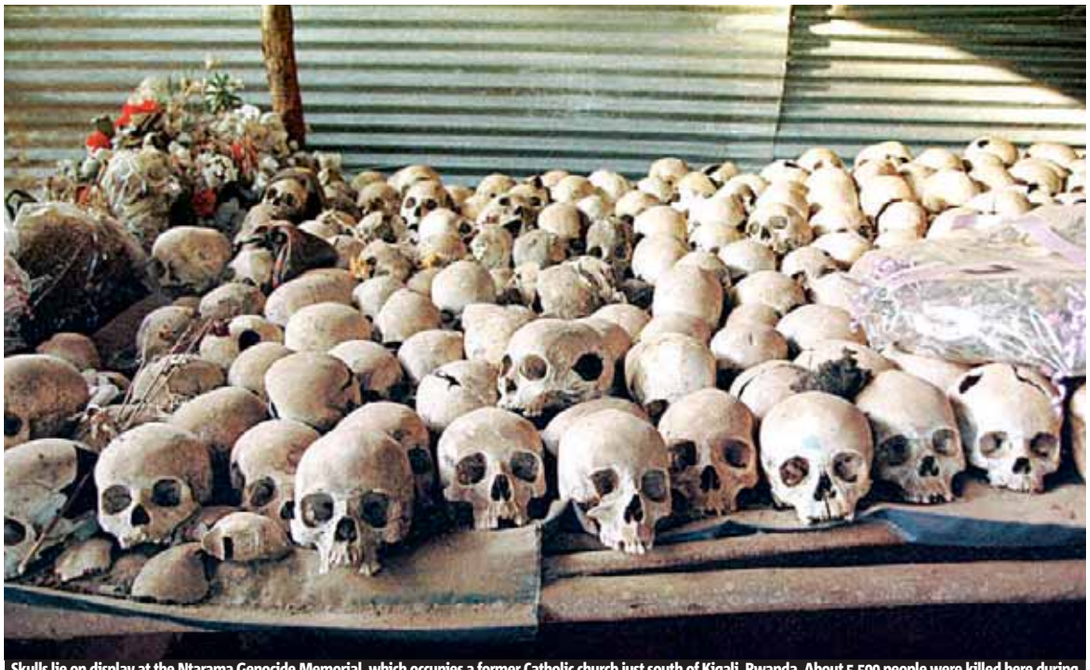

Skulls lie on display at the Ntarama Genocide Memorial, which occupies a former Catholic church just south of Kigali, Rwanda. About 5,500 people were killed here during the April 1994 genocide after seeking refuge in the church. Hatebase tracks hate speech in the hope of preventing similar genocides. THOMAS SWIJCK/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

HATEBASE AIMS TO PREVENT GENOCIDE BY TRACKING HATE SPEECH

JESSICA SMITH
Metro in Toronto

A Toronto-based non-governmental organization is tracking the use of hate speech around the world, hoping to help stop genocide before it starts.

The Sentinel Project recently launched Hatebase, a wiki-style website that asks the public to contribute to a multilingual dictionary of hateful words and to log incidents in which those words are used.

The Hatebase API allows users — potentially governments and NGOs — to map out and chart localized spikes and trends in hate speech in real time.

Spikes in hate speech, when combined with other knowledge about tensions in a region, can be an early warning sign of violence, or of violence escalating to genocide, said Timothy Quinn, an adviser with The Sentinel Project.

"When we start layering in hate speech, that gives us an indication — when it's spiking over time — that tensions are rising," he said.

For example, in Rwanda in the 1990s "inyenzi," meaning "cockroach," was a derogatory term for the Tutsi that escalated in use before the genocide, with radio announcers ultimately calling on people to exterminate the cockroach.

While the Sentinel Project focuses on preventing genocide, the upsurge in hateful language can also indicate other violence that doesn't necessarily amount to genocide.

What's in a word?

"Hate speech is really defined more by the intent than the word itself."

Timothy Quinn, Sentinel Project

"God knows, there's a lot that can happen before then that certainly warrants monitoring and intervention," Quinn said.

Defining hate speech, however, isn't easy.

"Hate speech is really defined more by the intent than the word itself," Quinn said. "There are some words that might have a benign meaning in some contexts, but in other contexts have a very malignant intent."

For example, without a deeper knowledge of the region, the use of "cockroach" in Rwanda in the '90s could be attributed to a cockroach infestation, instead of a brewing genocide.

The Hatebase dictionary is growing as more people with important knowledge about the world are beginning to use it, Quinn said.

"The spread of our users is global," he said. "We're starting to get a lot of very localized slurs, which we didn't have before."

Resolving issues with user-generated content

Relying on user-generated content isn't without its problems, said Timothy Quinn, an adviser with the Sentinel Project. Hatebase has attracted some people with political agendas who have started arguing over words and definitions that likely have very little value for organizations concerned about genocide.

"I've had a couple of Nazis that are pissed off at me. I've got a group of anti-feminists that are pissed off that we removed a word we didn't think was hate speech," Quinn said.

For example, some recent additions to the Hatebase wiki, such as "patriarchy," "cis male" and "white privilege," are found in academic language commonly used in women's studies. If those words were a sign of genocide, university campuses would be very scary places.

Fortunately, Hatebase can distinguish what inputs are relevant and doesn't bother with anything that doesn't relate to an area of concern, Quinn said. "Some of it is meaningful and some of it is not. Funnily enough, the stuff of dubious value is the stuff people fight about the most," he said.

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Supreme Court won't hear Jackpine oilsands appeal

Mine expansion. 'We will not find access to justice within Alberta': First Nations chief

The Supreme Court of Canada has refused to hear the Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation's bid to block a ruling on Shell's Jackpine oilsands mine expansion in northern Alberta.

The First Nation wanted a regulatory board to rule on whether the band had been adequately consulted before the board decided whether the Shell project could get the greenlight as planned.

The board said governments should determine how much consultation is adequate. The Alberta Court of Appeal agreed and the high court has refused to hear an appeal of that decision.

"We are truly disappointed with this decision as we have diligently proceeded through legal avenues to have our rights upheld," Athabasca Chipewyan Chief Allan Adam said in a statement.

"We understand that this joint review panel was supposed to uphold everyone's constitutional rights. Why has there been an exception with regards to First Nations' consultation rights? Government must be held accountable to their treaty obligations."

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Tory crime agenda

The Supreme Court has agreed to hear a pair of cases involving elements of the Harper government's "tough-on-crime" agenda.

- The first involves three prisoners sentenced before the passage of a 2011 law that toughened parole conditions, who argue they should have been treated under the old law
- The second deals with a lower-court judge who credited an offender with 1.5 days for each day in detention before sentencing.

Abandon ships. Harper urged to scrap plans for Arctic patrol vessels

A new report by two independent think-tanks recommends the Harper government abandon its pet project to construct Arctic patrol ships for the navy.

The Centre for Policy Alternatives and the Rideau Institute say the $4.3-billion plan has been watered down to the point where it no longer makes much sense, and the country would be better served building high-speed navy cutters and civilian icebreakers.

The Conservatives promised the arctic warships during the 2006 election campaign, saying once in government they would build three heavily armed icebreakers to enforce Canadian sovereignty in the North.

In 2007, the plan changed to up to eight light "ice capable" ships, including a major refuelling station in Nanisivik, Nunavut.

The report concludes the ships, as currently configured, will be too slow, too unstable and too lightly armed.

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Prime Minister Stephen Harper is escorted by Vice-Admiral Robertson and Rear-Admiral Girouard prior to making an announcement of the construction of up to eight Polar Class 5 Arctic Offshore Patrol Ships at CFB Esquimalt in Victoria, B.C., in 2007. DEDDEDA STEMLER/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Twitter's Most Wanted

Police using social media to catch 'The Vaulter'

Police from across Canada are joining forces to use social media to try to catch what they are calling one of the country's most notorious bank robbers, nicknamed "The Vaulter."

It comes from the way the suspect jumps over counters, and police have connected him to as many as 17 bank robberies over a three-year period.

Investigators with police forces in Calgary, Ottawa, Hamilton and Peel and York Regions near Toronto have taken to Facebook, Twitter, YouTube and Pinterest to get images of the serial robber to the public.

It's hoped the campaign will give people an opportunity to view surveillance images and video captured during the robberies.

The Canadian Bankers Association has offered a $20,000 reward for anyone providing information that will ultimately lead to an arrest. THE CANADIAN PRESS

THE POWER OF THOUGHTS AND WORRY

A lecture based on the work
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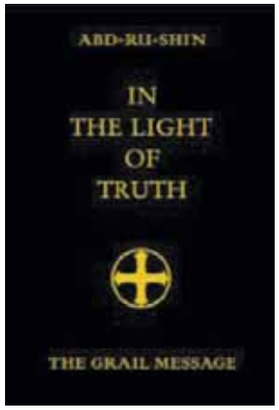

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U.S. Senate rejects effort to block gun-control bill

68-31. 50 Democrats, 16 Republicans and 2 independents opposed; 29 Republicans, 2 Democrats supported

Volunteers place more than 3,300 crosses, Stars of David and other religious symbols on the National Mall in Washington, D.C., on Thursday to remember those affected by gun violence. Clergy from Newtown, Conn., and others will begin a 24-hour vigil to urge Congress to pass tougher gun laws. MARK WILSON/GETTY IMAGES

Gun-control supporters in the U.S. Senate won the first showdown over how to respond to the December school shootings in Connecticut, defeating an effort by conservatives to derail firearms restrictions before debate could even start.

The 68-31 vote on Thursday gave an early burst of momentum to efforts by President Barack Obama and lawmakers to push fresh but modest gun curbs through Congress. The National Rifle Association, the top gun advocacy group, along with many Republicans and some moderate Democrats, say the proposals go too far.

The road to congressional approval of major restrictions remains difficult, particularly in the Republican-led House of Representatives, where there is strong opposition.

The vote came four months after a gunman killed 20 young children and six staffers at a Connecticut school.

Expanded background checks of gun purchasers are at the core of the latest Democrat-led gun-control drive. Other top proposals — including bans on assault weapons and high-capacity ammunition magazines — will be offered as amendments during Senate debate but seem destined for defeat.

Background checks currently apply only to transactions handled by the country's 55,000 licensed gun dealers. Advocates of expanding the system say too many sales — the exact proportion is unknown — escape the checks, which are supposed to keep weapons from going to criminals, the seriously mentally ill and others.

"The hard work starts now," Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, a Democrat, said after the vote. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

U.S. immigration bill moving, thanks to farmers

Agriculture growers have signed off on the major elements of a new program to bring farm workers to the U.S., a key senator said Thursday, moving a major immigration bill a step closer to passage.

Sen. Dianne Feinstein, a Democrat, said the growers have agreed on wages and numbers of visas in the new program, which would allow tens of thousands of farm workers into the country. Those were the big sticking points between the industry and the United Farm Workers.

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"We have a deal on wage and cap. There are still things that they're going over with respect to worker protections which are in the bill."

Sen. Dianne Feinstein, a Democrat, on nearing the final goal of the program: to secure the border, create a path to citizenship for 11 million people now living illegally in the U.S., and require employers to electronically verify the legal status of their workers

Expats. Canucks in S. Korea unfazed by nuclear threats

North Korea's latest threat of a missile attack against its southern neighbour is not rattling Canadians living and working in South Korea, who say Pyongyang's war talk is nothing new.

Andrei Cherwinski, 29, an English teacher on his third contract in South Korea, said nobody is taking the threat seriously. "Everybody's still going to work, everybody's still going out on the town, nobody is concerned," said Cherwinski, who is from Ottawa but now calls Seoul home.

Tensions in the Korean Peninsula continued to rise on Thursday as North Korea hinted at a missile launch, claiming it had "powerful striking means" on standby.

"I kind of follow the people around me, how everybody acts. I don't see people getting upset," said Andrew Sachs, 28, who is from Haliburton, Ont.

A North Korean soldier keeps watch on a boat on Wednesday near the North Korean town of Sinuiju. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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New report

Spending on drugs grows at slowest rate in 16 years

A new report suggests spending on prescription drugs in Canada continues to grow, but at the slowest rate in 16 years.

The slowed growth is said to be because patents expired for several drugs, which meant people could buy cheaper generic versions. The report says Canadians spent $33 billion on drugs in 2012, or an average of $947 per person. The report, from the Canadian Institute for Health Information, says drugs continue to make up the second-largest share of health spending, after hospitals, ahead of the cost of doctors' salaries.

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Navigating bureaucracy

Veterans groups offer guidance on benefits

Two independent organizations are stepping forward to help disabled veterans navigate the maze of federal government benefits, claims and appeals.

The Royal Canadian Legion and Wounded Warriors Canada announced the partnership Thursday, saying their goal is to better connect ex-soldiers and their families with available programs. The organizations will also provide professional counselling and free representation services at all stages of the disability-claim process, up to and including challenges before the Veterans Review and Appeals Board. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Returned from Cuba

U.S. boys unaware of kidnapping

Two young U.S. boys seem unaware their parents kidnapped them and believe their sailboat trip to Cuba was only a vacation, not an attempt to flee U.S. authorities, the children's grandparents said Thursday.

Last week, the maternal grandparents were granted custody. Police say Joshua Hakken then broke into their Florida home, tied up his mother-in-law, took the four-year-old and two-year-old and set sail for Cuba.

Joshua and Sharyn Hakken arrived in Florida early Wednesday with their sons and the family dog after being handed over by Cuban officials. Grandparents Patricia and Bob Hauser said they want to get the boys back to a normal schedule.

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North Korea

Leader showing he's in charge?

North Korea's new leader is using the threat of a nuclear strike to get concessions on foreign aid rather than trying to trigger military conflict, top U.S. intelligence officials told Congress.

Director of National Intelligence James Clapper told the House intelligence committee that he thinks Kim Jong Un is trying to show the U.S., the world and his own people that he is "firmly in control in North Korea," while attempting to manoeuvre the international community into concessions in future negotiations.

Clapper said the intelligence community believes the North would only use nuclear weapons to preserve the Kim regime.

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A Swedish instructor looks on as Malian soldiers practise shooting techniques during a European Union training session in the village of Koulikoro, Mali, ahead of the final pullout of French troops from this west African country.

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EU training Mali soldiers

French pullout. There are concerns militants pushed back by military intervention will regroup

In preparation for a drawdown of French troops from Mali, a European Union team started training Malian soldiers for battle against jihadists who overran much of the West African country before they were pushed back by a French military intervention.

On a recent day, small groups of Malians stood in the burning heat and orange sands in the town of Koulikoro, 60 kilometres west of the capital Bamako, learning to hold weapons. They began the training last week, and this week they learned how to shoot from standing, sitting and prone positions.

About 550 people form the team meant to ready Mali's army for combat. But there is worry that the project to train thousands of soldiers may not be sufficient to keep the Islamic militants at bay.

French military spokesman Col. Thierry Burkhard said this week that about 100 French troops have been pulled out of Mali and were as of this week in Cyprus on their way back to France.

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Broken military

Mali's military chain of command was broken after a coup last year. Soldiers lack respect for their commanders and superiors.

- There are reports that soldiers, humiliated by their defeat last year at the hands of the Islamic extremists, have carried out reprisals against the Arab and Tuareg civilians left behind.

Museum. Project to store 200 years of Palestinian history

Palestinians on Thursday began construction of the West Bank's largest museum devoted to their history, planning to tell diverse stories of Palestinians in their land and of millions who live abroad.

The museum represents a step in the Palestinian quest for statehood by creating a repository for 200 years of history, alongside galleries and space for debates about the Palestinian cause, said director Jack Persekian.

Persekian hoped the privately funded museum, which has government support, would tell stories not just of Palestinian Muslims and Christians, but also of Jews who lived in what was Britain-administered Palestine before Israel was founded in 1948.

Jack Persekian

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200K vehicles in Canada

Japanese auto producers issue recall over airbags

Honda, Toyota and Nissan are recalling more than three million vehicles globally, including some 200,000 in Canada, for an identical problem with airbags on the passenger side whose inflator may burst, sending plastic pieces flying.

Toyota said it had received five reports of airbag problems, three in the U.S. and two in Japan, but there have been no injuries.

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StatsCan report

New house prices rise 0.2%

Statistics Canada says its new housing price index rose 0.2 per cent in February, following a 0.1 per cent increase in January.

The agency says Calgary was the top contributor to the advance, up one per cent from January — the biggest month-to-month increase in that region since May 2007.

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Gord Nixon, president and CEO of the Royal Bank of Canada, speaks to reporters in Calgary in this Feb. 28 photo. The bank is making a public apology to workers affected by a controversial outsourcing arrangement. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

RBC apologizes for outsourcing mess

Mea culpa. Bank will publish open letter in response to furor over treatment of IT workers

Royal Bank's top executive apologized Thursday to the workers who are being affected by the bank's outsourcing arrangement with a foreign company, saying RBC should have been more sensitive and helpful to them.

The apology follows a backlash against the bank after some of its Canadian information technology workers complained they were being replaced by foreign workers working for a company contracted by RBC.

Chief executive Gord Nixon said in an open letter, to be published in Friday newspapers, that the bank is also reviewing its supplier arrangements and policies to balance its desire to be a successful business and a "leading corporate citizen."

He repeated assurances that all of the affected workers — about 45 people — will be offered comparable job opportunities at the bank, which is Canada's largest bank by assets.

"RBC has been in the news this week in a way no company ever wants to be," Nixon said in a letter distributed Thursday afternoon.

"While we are compliant with the regulations, the debate has been about something else. The question for many people is not about doing only what the rules require — it's about doing what employees, clients, shareholders and Canadians expect of RBC. And that's something we take very much to heart."

He also committed to a review of the bank's supplier agreements and to keep its call centres that support the bank's domestic and U.S. business in Canada.

In earlier statements and an interview that Nixon gave to CBC, the bank had said it expected and believed that its outsourcing supplier had complied with all relevant Canadian rules.

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Foreign worker program

- The rapid growth of the temporary foreign worker program has raised concerns that Canadian companies are filling job vacancies with cheaper workers from overseas rather than actively finding Canadians to fill the jobs.

Austria. Police arrest man in Red Bull blackmail case

Austrian police have arrested a man suspected of blackmailing Red Bull by threatening to place cans of its energy drink contaminated with feces on supermarket shelves.

Police officials cited at a Salzburg news conference by the Austria Press Agency say the unidentified 47-year-old suspect was arrested Wednesday after he showed up for a payoff in the Lower Austrian town of Moedling.

Thursday's report didn't say how much the suspected blackmailer was demanding, or give other details.

An official answering the telephone at Salzburg police headquarters confirmed the arrest. The threats started coming in February by mail and email. Spot checks of stores across Austria showed no trace of tampering with the company's product.

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E-commerce. MasterCard launches digital wallet

For those who hate the tedious process of filling out billing and shipping information every time they make an online purchase, MasterCard is rolling out a digital wallet product called MasterPass, which works on computers, tablets and smartphones.

When completing a purchase and clicking on MasterPass, users just need to provide a password. If they've saved multiple credit cards and shipping addresses they can choose which to use.

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Has the Bitcoin bubble burst?

Speculation cycle. Cyber-currency's value has rocketed up and down in recent days, but observers say it's survived swings before

It's a promising form of electronic cash free from central bankers and beloved by hackers. But Bitcoin may also be in deep trouble, registering catastrophic losses that have sent speculators scrambling.

Although the cyber-currency has existed for years as a kind of Internet oddity, a perfect storm of developments has brought it to the cusp of mainstream use.

As currency crises in Europe piqued investors' interest, a growing number of businesses announced they were accepting bitcoins for an ever-wider range of goods and services. The value of a single bitcoin began racing upward amid growing media attention, smashing past the $100 US mark last week before more than doubling again in just a few days.

Then came the crash. The price of Bitcoin has imploded, falling from $266 US on Wednesday to roughly $55 on Thursday. The best-known Bitcoin exchange, the Tokyo-based Mt. Gox, suspended trading for what it described as a 12-hour "market cooldown."

Nicholas Colas, chief market strategist for the ConvergEx Group, said it was a "great question" whether the currency could survive the wrenching up-and-down. "At this point I would say yes, since it has before," Colas wrote in an email. But he noted that, unlike previous oscillations, Thursday's collapse was taking place in the full glare of international media attention.

"A lot more people know about Bitcoin than during the prior problems," he said.

Colas seemed to reject the idea that the suspension of trading at Mt. Gox was a sign that Bitcoin was coming apart at the seams. "For the average user, losing Mt. Gox for 12 hours is like going to an ATM and finding that it is out of money," he said.

But he prefaced the statement by noting that bitcoins suffered from the same weakness of any other form of money. If people increasingly believe they're not worth anything, then they're not worth anything. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

In this April 3 photo, Mike Caldwell, a 35-year-old software engineer, poses with Bitcoin tokens at his shop in Sandy, Utah. Caldwell mints physical versions of bitcoins, cranking out homemade tokens with codes protected by tamper-proof holographic seals, a retro-futuristic kind of prepaid cash. RICK BOWMER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Bitcoin's promise

- To its supporters, Bitcoin has enormous promise. They describe it as the foundation stone of a Utopian economy: no borders, no change fees, no closing hours, and no one to tell you what you can and can't do with your money.
- Some of that promise is being delivered: When Bitcoin first got its start in 2009, the currency could buy almost nothing. Now, there's almost nothing that bitcoins can't buy.
- From hard drugs to hard currency, songs to survival gear, cars to consumer goods, retailers are rushing to welcome the virtual currency whose unofficial symbol is a dollar-like, double-barred B.
- Just days ago the total value of bitcoins in circulation hit $2 billion US, up from a tiny fraction of that last year. But late Wednesday, Bitcoin collapsed, shedding roughly 75 per cent of its value.

BBM rival

Canuck chat app Kik hits 50M users

When Canadian mobile chat upstart Kik Messenger first took the tech world by storm back in 2010, it was happy to have two million users compared to the 28 million that were loyal to BlackBerry Messenger.

On Thursday, the company celebrated crossing the 50 million users mark, an accomplishment made more impressive considering that BlackBerry's BBM is now within striking distance, in the neighbourhood of 60 million.

The Waterloo, Ont.-based Kik now finds itself looking up to industry juggernaut WhatsApp, which doesn't disclose user numbers but is estimated to have many more.

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Subscriber base grows

Sirius XM Canada posts $4.1M profit

The parent company of Sirius XM Canada Inc. had a $4.1-million profit in the second quarter as the number of self-paying subscribers to its satellite radio services increased by 12.8 per cent from the same time last year.

Sirius XM Canada Holdings Inc. says its net income amounted to three cents per share, which compared with a year-earlier loss of $2.7 million or two cents per share.

One of the company's strategies has been to work with automakers to include satellite radios in new cars with some free service — hoping the buyers will later sign up to continue the service at their own expense.

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Billionaire's bad PR

Arnault won't seek Belgian citizenship

French luxury goods billionaire Bernard Arnault has decided not to become Belgian to avoid negative publicity back home. Arnault, one of the world's richest men, had been seeking Belgian citizenship, though he denies it was to escape his country's mighty tax man.

In interviews with several Belgian newspapers on Thursday, the chairman and CEO of the LVMH group said he had underestimated the impact that seeking double nationality would have in his home country. He was derided as just a rich man running away from high taxes.

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An Open Letter to Canadians

RBC has been in the news this week in a way no company ever wants to be.

The recent debate about an outsourcing arrangement for some technology services has raised important questions.

While we are compliant with the regulations, the debate has been about something else. The question for many people is not about doing only what the rules require - it's about doing what employees, clients, shareholders and Canadians expect of RBC. And that's something we take very much to heart.

Despite our best efforts, we don't always meet everyone's expectations, and when we get it wrong you are quick to tell us. You have my assurance that I'm listening and we are making the following commitments.

First, I want to apologize to the employees affected by this outsourcing arrangement as we should have been more sensitive and helpful to them. All will be offered comparable job opportunities within the bank.

Second, we are reviewing our supplier arrangements and policies with a continued focus on Canadian jobs and prosperity, balancing our desire to be both a successful business and a leading corporate citizen.

Third, our Canadian client call centres are located in Canada and support our domestic and our U.S. business, and they will remain in Canada.

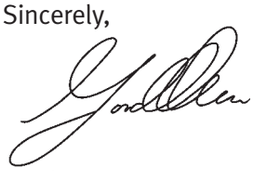
Fourth, we are preparing a new initiative aimed at helping young people gain an important first work experience in our company, which we will announce in the weeks ahead.

RBC proudly employs over 57,000 people in Canada. Over the last four years, despite a challenging global economy, we added almost 3,000 full-time jobs in Canada. We also hire over 2,000 youth in Canada each year and we support thousands more jobs through the purchases we make from Canadian suppliers. As we continue to grow, so will the number of jobs for Canadians.

RBC opened for business in 1864 and we have worked hard since then to earn the confidence and support of the community. Today, we remain every bit as committed to earning the right to be our clients' first choice, providing rewarding careers for our employees, delivering returns to shareholders who invest with us, and supporting the communities in which we are privileged to operate.

I'd like to close by thanking our employees, clients, shareholders and community partners for your input and continued support.

Sincerely,



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CELEBS AS NEVER SEEN BEFORE

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1 Good Turn Week. Scouts Canada is challenging Canadians to do a simple act of kindness — or two — each week, starting with Good Turn Week, April 13 to 21. Share your good deeds by submitting them on scouts.ca/goodturn, which will encourage others to pay it forward. If you're reading this now while on public transit, why not consider giving up your seat to someone?

2 Const. Brendan Power. This Edmonton police constable's tweets @CstPower are awesome: "Note to self: Make sure step isn't icy, then kick door. #OhTheShame." "Guy snatches his 40km/h over ticket and crumples it up. Ouch. Dagger, right to my heart..." And "Fraud call. You'd think a man and woman pushing a baby stroller would make for a slow get away. Not so much. #UrbanNinjas." No surprise he has almost 5,000 followers.

3 #nowthatchersdead. This hashtag caused some mighty confusion on Twitter this week. It was referring to Margaret Thatcher's death (now Thatcher's dead) but many read it as 'now that Cher's dead' and tributes began to pour in for the pop star. Twitter may need to start allowing for apostrophes, spaces and Dummy 101 manuals in their hashtags.

4 Rihanna's hockey jersey. The music superstar made Ottawa Senators hockey jerseys look super hot after posting a picture of herself on social media wearing nothing but that jersey. Watch for Sens jersey sales to pick up now, and even more so if she wears it onstage during her stop in Ottawa May 2 during her Diamonds tour.

5 Davis Cup Canada. Ace! Canada advanced to the final 4 of tennis in the Davis Cup by defeating Italy in the quarter-final, cementing things with a win by Milos Raonic. This is the first time Canada has advanced to the world group semifinals in the modern era. I haven't been this excited about Canadian tennis since winning an U14 tennis tourney at Olympia Sports Camp in Huntsville, Ont., in the '80s.

6 McDonald's. With youth unemployment almost double the national average, McDonald's Restaurants of Canada did their part to fry that by saying they'd hire 6,000 people — most of them youth — during their third-annual National Hiring Day April 11 at franchises across the country. Talk about a Big Mac attack on unemployment.

7 Celebrity close-up. The tumblr account celebritycloseup.tumblr.com takes you as close to your fave celebs as you'll ever get, getting way up close to their faces. You get to see every pore, wrinkle, blemish, acne and nose hair on the likes of James Franco, Nicki Minaj, Katy Perry, Harry Styles and Miley Cyrus — proving once again that stars really are just like us. Except they're rich and famous.

8 @1890probs. If you thought your life was difficult, check out the Twitter account @1890probs, which tweets gems like "Turned 19 today. Too old to marry and have kids," "Gets whooping cough. Whole village dies," "I wish I could see my boyfriend more often, but he lives 20 miles away," and "Wardrobe malfunction.. Everyone saw my ankles." Follow it.

9 Oprah hits Canada again. Oprah's love fest with Canada continues. After her west coast speaking tour in January, she hit Ottawa and Montreal this week, and then Steeltown Saturday night, where one of Canada's best interviewers — George Stroumboulopoulos (who just landed a summer series on CNN!) — will moderate a conversation with her at Copps Coliseum. Oprah and Strombo, what's not to love?

10 Led Zeppelin. If you're a Led Zeppelin fan — who isn't? — then next Monday is your day. That's the day the illustrated digital book Led Zeppelin: Sound And Fury by acclaimed rock photographer Neal Preston is released exclusively on the iBook store, taking you backstage with the band. I'll be listening to Stairway to Heaven on repeat while I watch it.

11 Louisville tattoo. With Louisville rallying behind guard Kevin Ware, who had suffered that horrific leg injury earlier in the tourney, this team of destiny defeated Michigan Monday night in a fantastic NCAA championship final 82-76. And now their coach Rick Pitino has to get a tattoo, which he promised the team he would if they won. I suggest "WARE LOUISVILLE."

12 Dragons' Den. In a special season finale April 14 on CBC, viewers get to go outside the den and right into the private lives of the famous dragons. We get to see how they multi-task their business empires with their jam-packed red carpet schedules and personal lives. I expect to see some semblance of Kevin O'Leary's soft side. Or not.

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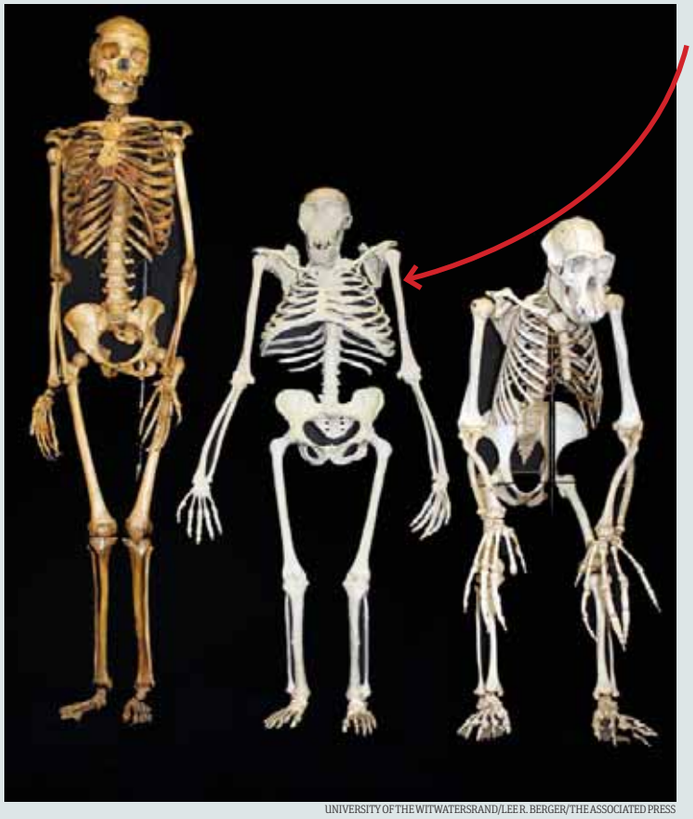

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Darwin's back

Species is evolutionary snapshot in action

This image provided by Lee R. Berger and the University of the Witwatersrand shows a reconstruction of the skeleton of Australopithecus sediba, centre, next to a small-bodied modern human female, left, and a male chimpanzee.

The newly studied species lived some two million years ago, and it both climbed in trees and walked upright. Scientists are getting a more comprehensive look at the extinct South African creature with an intriguing mix of human-like and primitive traits, but scientists say they still haven't pinned down where it fits on our evolutionary family tree. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Put your best foot forward

- When people walk, they strike the ground with the heel first. But that would be disastrous for A. sediba's narrow heel bone, so, instead, the creature struck the ground first with the outside of the foot, the authors propose.

Quoted

"I didn't think you could have this combination, that hand with that pelvis with that foot ... yet, there it is." Jeremy DeSilva of Boston University

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'Weird Twitter' is a crew of very funny users loosely connected by a taste for conceptual, non sequitur jokes and a shared disdain of the term 'weird Twitter.' Dip your toe in by following these:

@boring_as_heck:
A Vancouverite who just might be the most worthwhile follow on Twitter. "Well time to pay $13 go see a labor of love that cost millions of dollars. But first, ill pay $14 for a large bag of corn and a sugar water."

@cool_pond:
A master tormenter of corporate Twitter accounts, most of whom seem happy to play along. "@Arbys I'm locked in the bathroom and the employees are locked in the other bathroom."

@_MichaelJOrdan:
No, it's not actually Michael Jordan. It's an even better, slightly addled version consistently amazed by the simplest things. "Accidentally signed a check Michael Jumping but they still took it. im just always thinking about jumping."

Letters

RE: Earth to PMO: We're Doomed, published April 4

I wanted to tell you that I really enjoy reading your paper in Calgary.

In the April 4 edition of Metro news Calgary the article, Earth to PMO: We're doomed by John Mazerolle, was so funny I laughed myself silly.

When I got home, I shared the article with my husband and he laughed so hard, too.

I have no doubt the script from the real PMO's office would read much the same, almost word for word, if a meteor were on its way.

Thanks for a thoughtful and hilarious article.

A.J. Brooks, Calgary, Alta.

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Synopsis

42 covers roughly two years in Jackie Robinson's (Chadwick Boseman) life, the period in which he went from unknown minor league player to the man who broke the colour barrier in professional baseball. In 1947 there were 400 players in Major League Baseball, 399 white team members and Robinson. Recruited by Branch Rickey (Harrison Ford), owner of the Brooklyn Dodgers, the first baseman withstood racism from teammates, fans and opposing players to become an icon of the game and civil rights movement.

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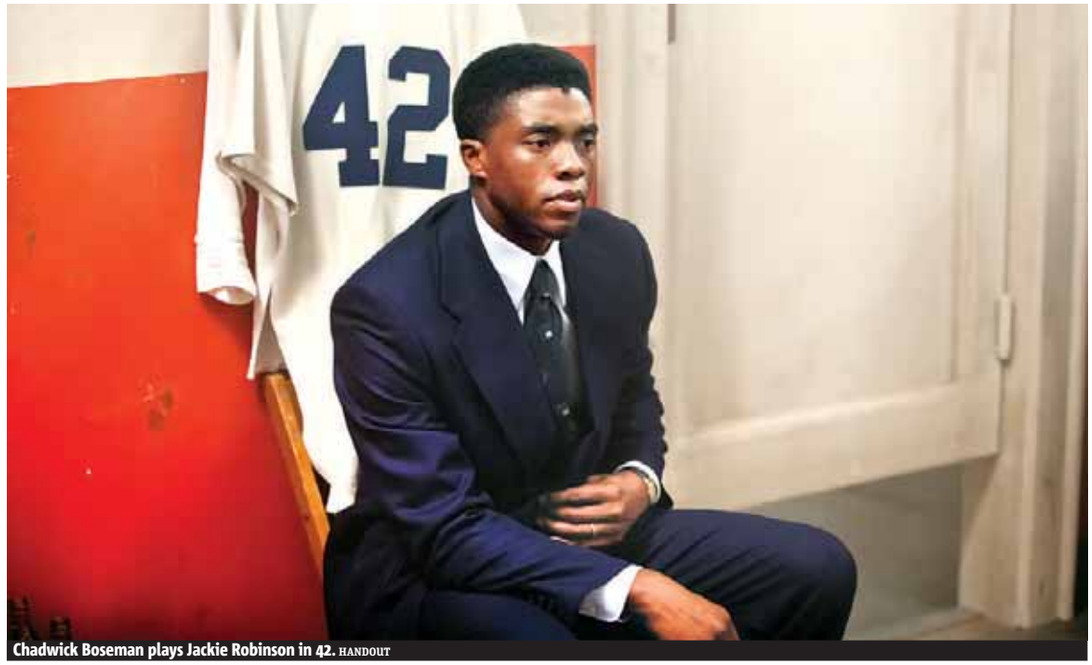

Chadwick Boseman plays Jackie Robinson in 42. HANDOUT

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RICHARD CROUSE AND MARK BRESLIN

Field of equal dreams

42. The realities of 1940s racism aren't toned down in this Jackie Robinson biopic

Richard: Mark, I liked this movie. It's an old-fashioned Hollywood biopic, and I think as that it works well, but I can't start any conversation about the movie without mentioning Harrison Ford's performance. He's the gruff old coot Branch Rickey and Harrison brings him to life with cigar and eyebrow acting, hurumphing his way through the role in an entertaining, but decidedly hammy fashion. What did you make of his performance?

Mark: Richard, there is no movie WITHOUT Harrison Ford. Everyone else is pretty one dimensional, good or evil, including Robinson himself. But Ford brings a little craziness to a very sober biopic. Rickey's a hard guy to figure out, which is good. Is he just a savvy businessman, as he claims? A closet idealist? An egomaniac looking to claim a place in the history books? Ford always keeps us guessing, which is more than the rest of the movie does. I liked the movie, but really, when the bad guys are redneck racists in the 1940s it's like shooting catfish in a barrel.

RC: I liked Ford too but you take those eyebrows away and there's not a whole lot left to that character. 42 is a melodramatic Hollywood biopic with one big moment after the next buoyed by a swelling soundtrack and loads of stock characters, but writer/director Brian Helgeland doesn't shy away from the harder edged aspects of the story. He tackles the racism Robinson was greeted with head on and it is often uncomfortable to watch.

MB: All too true, and you just can't believe that kind of overt racism occurred only 70 years ago. But, oh, that soundtrack! Stop telling me how to feel; I feel it already! By the way, I thought Chris Meloni played an interesting character, a flawed human being with a good essence. I wish he had been in the movie more. And the film had a nice sense of time and place. But although Robinson himself is a hero, he's forced by history to be a bit of a bore, which is not good for the movie.

RC: I thought Chadwick Boseman showed some of the tenacity, talent and strength of character that made Robinson a legend.

MB: He was excellent at conveying Robinson's noble purpose. But you know what they say about the Bible: it's the Devil that has the best part!

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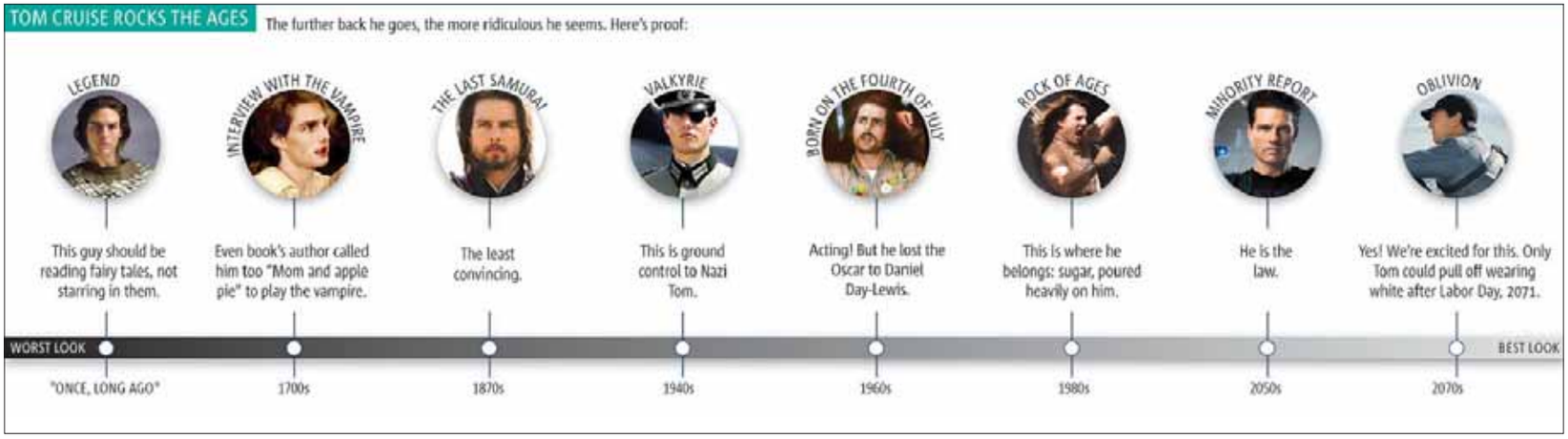
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The further back he goes, the more ridiculous he seems. Here's proof:
LEGEND
This guy should be reading fairy tales, not starring in them.
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The least convincing.
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This is ground control to Nazi Tom.
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Acting! But he lost the Oscar to Daniel Day-Lewis.
1960s
ROCK OF AGES
This is where he belongs: sugar, poured heavily on him.
1980s
MINORITY REPORT
He is the law.
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OBLIVION
Yes! We're excited for this. Only Tom could pull off wearing white after Labor Day, 2071.
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Will Cruise's star fade into Oblivion?

Sparkle and shine. The last few years have shown even Tommy is fallible at the box office — so how will audiences receive his latest adventure?

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Metro World News in Hollywood

Tom Cruise's film Oblivion opens in theatres next Friday. GETTY IMAGES

A year ago, Tom Cruise was riding a wave of good press with a comeback narrative in full swing. His franchise return Mission: Impossible Ghost Protocol had reassured Hollywood that audiences still had an appetite for the star after something of a dry patch, eventually bringing in nearly $700 million worldwide at the box office. And on top of that, he had two high-profile and buzzed-about roles ahead for 2012 — the hair metal musical Rock of Ages and the tough-guy crime thriller Jack Reacher.

But then Rock of Ages was met with withering reviews and disappointing box office numbers, and Jack Reacher underperformed, with neither film opening at No. 1 at the box office. Now, with Cruise's Oblivion set to launch — following an ad campaign relying heavily on the star's bankability — Hollywood finds itself asking the same questions it did before the release of Ghost Protocol: Can Tom Cruise open a movie?

The last few years have suggested that the age of the movie star may be over, that audiences are no longer swayed merely by the presence of a big name on the poster. In fact, until recently it seemed the only two stars left who could be counted on to open a movie — regardless of its content — were Will Smith and Adam Sandler. Smith's Men in Black 3 was indeed a blockbuster last year, but it was his first starring role in four years. And the generally review-proof Sandler's last two live-action outings, Jack and Jill and That's My Boy, were complete bombs. (It should be noted that Hotel Transylvania, which featured Sandler's voice, was a hit.)

And so far, 2013 hasn't been very good to traditional movie stars, with major box office flops for Expendables stars Arnold Schwarzenegger, Sylvester Stallone and Jason Statham. Bruce Willis' A Good Day to Die Hard fared a bit better, at least opening at No. 1, but in eight weeks of release it's still a long ways off from recouping its $92 million budget. Even Brad Pitt, who is hoping June's World War Z will do well enough to launch a franchise, took a bath on last November's Killing Them Softly, which he both starred in and produced.

So if Oblivion doesn't do well, does that mean the Tom Cruise brand is officially in trouble? Not likely. As Ghost Protocol proved, the star has an uncanny ability to bounce back from both critical failures and tabloid talk. And with the more recent Oblivion trailers making the film look more interesting and enticing, maybe Cruise's latest go at saving the world will also save his career. Again.

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Drama

No

Director. Pablo Larrain

Stars. Gael Garcia Bernal, Alfredo Castro

No tells the true story of how a mainstream ad-man (Gael Garcia Bernal) helped design the political campaign that brought down Chilean despot Augusto Pinochet. By turning dour directives about dictatorship into fizzy, jingle-enhanced commercials preaching "happiness", No is both eye-opening and oddly humorous. Although filmmaker Pablo Larrain's use of vintage low-quality cameras and actual footage may jar moviegoers, the device ultimately accomplishes much more than nostalgic kitsch. **STEVE GOW**

Crime

Trance

Director. Danny Boyle

Stars. James McAvoy, Vincent Cassel, Rosario Dawson

Director Danny Boyle's film about an amnesiac (James McAvoy) who sees a hypnotherapist (Rosario Dawson) to uncover his memories of a valuable, stolen painting brings together film noir, psychological drama and thrills in one twisty-turny story. This is stylish, disorienting filmmaking that disguises what's real and what isn't. Occasionally, however, it feels as though there are too many bends in the story. No spoilers here — but the old saying, "Buy the ticket, take the ride," applies. **RICHARD CROUSE**

Drama

The Place Beyond the Pines

Director. Derek Cianfrance

Stars. Ryan Gosling, Bradley Cooper, Eva Mendes

Cianfrance's backwoods grand opera traces a tragic event as it ripples over nearly 20 years. Gosling is extraordinary as a disturbed jittery drifter/bank robber who can charm a crying baby. Cooper appears an hour in for one brief, violent exchange with Gosling and the story becomes his. This 140-minute moral cat-and-mouse game is smart and intriguing, with a unique structure, a restrained, effective script and masterful direction, and top notch performances at every level. **ANNE BRODIE**

Documentary

Revolution

Director. Rob Stewart

Saving the world is a lofty goal for a documentary, but that's not stopping Rob Stewart from trying with Revolution. After championing the cause against shark finning in Sharkwater, Stewart realized that saving sharks was just the tip of the iceberg; ocean acidification would wipe out pretty much everything in the water unless we seriously alter our lifestyles. As altruistic as his cause is, as a film, Revolution is flimsy at best. The narrative, part travelogue, part nature film, is muddled. Stewart throws out facts like moral thunderbolts but does a poor job of summating his position. **IAN GORMELY**

Saving the world, one film at a time

"Revolution is a film about how humans are going to survive the next hundred years. We follow life as a character through 3.5 billion years of evolution, five mass extinctions that almost wiped life off the face of the planet, culminating in humans in the midst of another one of these extinctions."

Documentary filmmaker Rob Stewart on his high stakes new movie, Revolution. **IAN GORMELY/ METRO**

On the lam with Redford

The Company You Keep. Actor talks Weather Underground and gets philosophical about searching for the truth in journalism

MATT PRIGGE
Metro World News in New York

The Company You Keep, the ninth film Robert Redford has directed — and only the third he has starred in as well — concerns former members of the Weather Underground, the militant, and sometimes violent, anti-Vietnam War organization.

A longtime Hollywood liberal, Redford has spoken of the film's political nature elsewhere. But today he discusses its other aspects.

"If you had to break it down in terms of which (theme) is more important, the one for my character is obvious: the love of his daughter," he explains.

When the Feds start rounding up ex-members responsible for a violent bank robbery, Redford's character, who's innocent of those charges, goes on the lam to clear his name.

"What happens when you're passionate and totally committed to something in your youth, and then that evaporates? You grow out of that position and you're still stuck because of the trap you created for yourself when you were young. What is the cost of that? (The film is) not about that event that took place in 1970. That's the kick-off. It's about their lives right now."

When journalists talk to Redford, inevitably All the President's Men, the 1976 film about the revelation of Watergate, comes up.

"That was not about Watergate. That was not about President Nixon," he maintains.

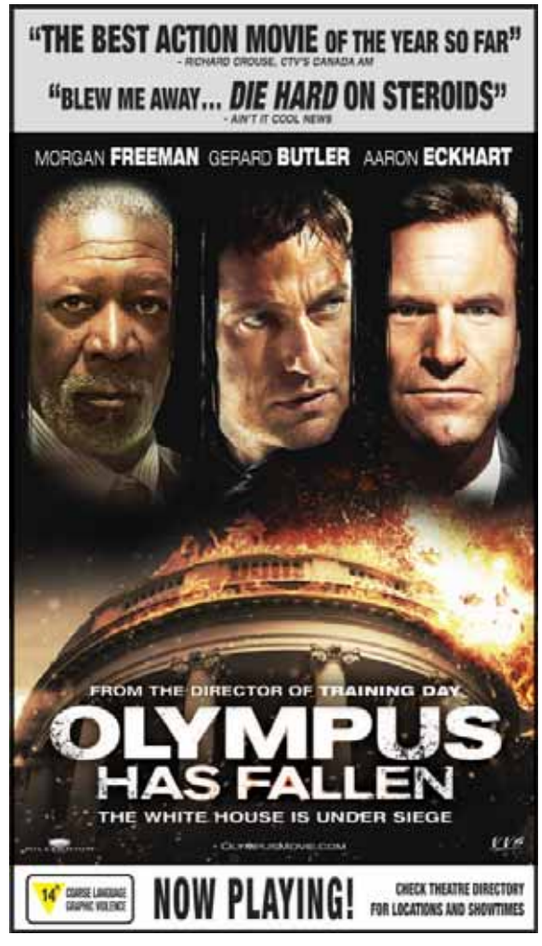
"It was about those two guys and the work that they did. I wanted to put a light on something I didn't think many people knew about, which is: how do journalists work? How do they get a story?"

The film's portrait of journalism doesn't quite mesh with today.

"(Journalism has) changed so drastically, because of the democratization of information. Anyone can put something up. So now it's harder and harder to find what the truth is," he says, pointing out that there's less regulation of the press now.

Robert Redford is a man trying to clear his name in The Company You Keep. HANDOUT

"The rules that governed journalism when I was younger said you had to get two people to go on record before you could quote a source. That's gone. What took it away was the need to compete. You had to scoop. Sometimes you couldn't wait around to do the ethical thing. You had to jump to get ahead of the next guy. It makes Watergate look like a piece of history. It can't come back."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Ottawa

Bytowne Cinema
325 Rideau St. 613-789-3456

Amour (PG) Fri 4:15 Sat 4:25 Sun 3:55
No (14A) Fri 6:59 Sat 1:59-8:59 Sun 8:30 Mon 8:45 Tue-Wed 6:50 Thu 4:30
Paris-Manhattan (STC) Fri 9:20 Sat 7:05 Sun 2:01-6:40 Mon 6:55 Tue 5:01 Wed 5:01-9:10
Samsara (PG) Mon 4:45 Tue 9:10

Canadian Film Institute
2 Daly Ave., Suite 120, 613-232-6727

No Films Showing Today (STC) Fri-Wed
The Wall (STC) Thu 7

Canadian Museum of nature, 240 McLeod St., 613-566-4700

Dinosaur Passage to Pangaea 3D (STC) Sat-Sun 10:50-1:45-3:30 Sat-Sun 11:25-2:20
No Films Showing Today (STC) Fri Mon-Wed
Tornado Alley 3D (STC) Sat-Sun 12-1:10 Sat-Sun 12:35-2:55
Unikkausivut: Sharing Our Stories Part 1 (STC) Thu 7
Unikkausivut: Transmettre nos Histoires (STC) Thu 5:15

Coliseum Ottawa
3090 Carling Ave. 613-596-9475

42 (PG) Fri-Sun 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:25 Mon-Thu 4:10-7:10-10:10 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
The Call (14A) Fri-Sun 1:05-3:20-5:55-8:20-10:45 Mon-Wed 5:55-8:20-10:45 Thu 1:35-5:55-8:20-10:45

The Croods (G) Fri-Sun 12:10 Mon-Thu 5:10
The Croods 3D (G) Fri-Sun 2:40-5:10-7:40-10:10 Mon-Wed 7:40-10:10 Thu 1:15-7:40-10:10
Evil Dead (18A) Fri-Sun 12:40-3:05-5:30-7:55-10:20 Mon-Wed 5:30-7:55-10:20 Thu 1:30-5:30-7:55-10:20
G.I. Joe: Retaliation (PG) Fri-Sun 12:20 Thu 1:30
G.I. Joe: Retaliation 3D (PG) Fri-Sun 2:50-5:20-7:50-10:35 Mon-Thu 5:20-7:50-10:35
The Host (PG) Fri-Sat 12:30-3:50-6:50-9:50 Sun-Tue 3:50-6:50-9:50 Wed 3:50-9:50 Thu 1:05-3:50-6:50-9:50
Jurassic Park 3D (PG) Fri-Sun 1:15-4:15-7:15-10:15 Mon-Wed 4:15-7:15-10:15 Thu 1:15-4:15-7:15-10:15
Oblivion (PG) Thu 8
Olympus Has Fallen (14A) Fri-Sun 1:50-4:40-7:20-10 Mon-Wed 4:40-7:20-10 Thu 1:25-4:40-7:20-10
Oz the Great and Powerful (PG) Fri-Sun 1-4:05-7-10:05 Mon-Wed 4:05-7-10:05 Thu 1:10-4:05-7-10:05
The Place Beyond the Pines (14A) Fri-Sun 12:50-4-7:10-10:20 Mon-Wed 3:50-7-10 Thu 3:50-7-10:05 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
Scary Movie V (STC) Fri-Sun 1:20-3:40-6-8:15-10:30 Mon-Wed 6-8:15-10:30 Thu 1:25-5:10-10:45
Spring Breakers (18A) Fri-Sun 12:35-3:10-5:35-8-10:15 Mon-Wed 5:35-8-10:15 Thu 1:20-5:35-8-10:15
The Wizard of Oz (G) Sun 12:35 Wed 7

Empire 7 Cinemas
111 Albert St. 3rd Floor World Exchange Plaza 613-233-0209

42 (PG) Digital, Fri 3:20-6:20-9:20 Digital, Sat-Sun 12:20-3:20-6:20-9:20 Digital, Mon 3:20-6:20-9:20 Digital, Tue 12:20-3:20-6:20-9:20 Digital, Wed-Thu 3:20-6:20-9:20
Evil Dead (18A) Digital, Fri 3:45-7-9:40 Digital, Sat-Sun 12:40-3:45-7-9:40 Digital Mon 3:45-7-9:40 Digital Tue 12:40-3:45-7-9:40 Digital Wed-Thu 3:45-7-9:40
The Gatekeepers (14A) Digital Fri 3:50-6:35-9:05 Digital Sat-Sun 12:30-3:50-6:35-9:05 Digital Mon 3:50-6:35-9:05 Digital Tue 12:30-3:50-6:35-9:05 Digital Wed-Thu 3:50-6:35-9:05
Jurassic Park 3D (PG) Digital Fri 3:30-6:25-9:15 Digital Sat-Sun 12:25-3:30-6:25-9:15 Digital Mon 3:30-6:25-9:15 Digital Tue 12:25-3:30-6:25-9:15 Digital Wed-Thu 3:30-6:25-9:15
Olympus Has Fallen (14A) Digital Fri 3:40-6:30-9:25 Digital Sat-Sun 12:35-3:40-6:30-9:25 Digital Mon 3:40-6:30-9:25 Digital Tue 12:35-3:40-6:30-9:25 Digital Wed-Thu 3:40-6:30-9:25
Revolution (G) Digital Fri 4-6:45-9 Digital Sat-Sun 12:50-4-6:45-9 Digital Mon 4-6:45-9 Digital Tue 12:50-4-6:45-9 Digital Wed-Thu 4-6:45-9
Spring Breakers (18A) Digital Fri 3:45-6:55-9:30 Digital Sat-Sun 12:40-3:45-6:55-9:30 Digital Mon 3:45-6:55-9:30 Digital Tue 12:40-3:45-6:55-9:30 Digital Wed-Thu 3:45-6:55-9:30

Mayfair Theatre
1074 Bank St. 613-730-3403

Bay of Blood (STC) Fri 11:55
Lincoln (PG) Fri 9 Sat-Sun 6 Mon-Tue 6:30
The Rocky Horror Picture Show (STC) Sat 11:55
Searching for Sugar Man (PG) Wed-Thu 9:30
Warm Bodies (PG) Mon-Tue 9:30
West of Memphis (14A) Sat-Sun 9 Wed-Thu 6:30

Rainbow Cinemas St. Laurent Centre
1200 St. Laurent Blvd. 613-688-0850

Django Unchained (18A) Fri-Thu 9:55-8:30
Escape From Planet Earth (PG) Fri-Thu 12:50-2:50-4:50
Jack the Giant Slayer (PG) Fri-Thu 10:30-3:50-9:05
Lincoln (PG) Fri-Sat 12:05-7:30 Sun-Mon 7:30 Tue 12:05-7:30 Wed 7:30 Thu 12:05-7:30 Open Captioned Sun-Mon 12:05 Open Captioned Wed 12:05
Quartet (PG) Fri-Thu 10-3:10-5:20
Safe Haven (PG) Fri-Thu 10:20-6:50-9:10
Silver Linings Playbook (14A) Fri-Thu 1-6:30
Snitch (PG) Fri-Thu 12:10-4:40-9:15
Warm Bodies (PG) Fri-Thu 10:10-2:35-7:05
Wreck-It Ralph (PG) Fri-Thu 1:05-3:15
Zero Dark Thirty (14A) Fri-Thu 5:25

South Keys
2214 Bank St. 613-736-1115

42 (PG) Fri-Thu 12:45-3:45-6:45-9:40
The Croods (G) Fri-Thu 11:25-1:50
The Croods 3D (G) Fri-Thu 4:25-7:05-9:35
Evil Dead (18A) Fri-Thu 12:10-2:35-5-7:25-10
G.I. Joe: Retaliation (PG) Fri-Thu 10:35-1:10
G.I. Joe: Retaliation 3D (PG) Fri-Thu 3:40-6:30-9:20
Identity Thief (14A) Fri 11:10-2-4:40-7:15-9:55 Sat 2-4:40-7:15-9:55 Sun-Wed 11:10-2-4:40-7:15-9:55 Thu 11:10-2-4:40-7:15
It Takes a Man and a Woman (STC) Fri-Thu 10:45-1:20-3:55-6:35-9:10
Jurassic Park 3D (PG) Fri-Thu 10:30-1:15-4-6:50-9:45
A Little Princess (G) Sat 11
Oblivion (PG) Thu 10
Olympus Has Fallen (14A) Fri-Thu 10:25-1:05-3:50-6:40-9:25
Oz the Great and Powerful (PG) Fri-Thu 12:25
Oz the Great and Powerful 3D (PG) Fri-Thu 3:25-6:20-9:15
The Place Beyond the Pines (14A) Fri-Thu 12:05-3:15-6:25-9:30
Revolution (G) Fri-Thu 11:40-1:55-4:10-7-9:25
Scary Movie V (STC) Fri-Thu 12:35-2:55-5:15-7:30-9:50

Gatineau

Canadian Museum of civilization
100 rue Laurier 819-776-7010

Le dernier récif 3D (STC) Fri 10:45-4-8 Sat 10:45-12:55 Sun-Mon 12:55 Tue-Thu 4
Flight of the Butterflies 3D (STC) Fri-Sat 3 Sun 10:45-3 Tue 11:50-3 Wed 9:45-3 Thu 3
L' incroyable voyage des papillons 3D (STC) Sat-Sun 4 Tue 10:45-12:55
The Last Reef: Cities Beneath the Sea 3D (STC) Fri 9:30-12:55-2-5 Sat 11:50-2-5-8 Sun 11:50-2-5 Mon 2 Tue 2-5-7 Wed 10:45-2-5-7 Thu 7
Nés pour être libres (STC) Fri 11:50
Space Station (STC) Sat-Sun 7 Mon 11:50 Tue 9:45-8 Thu 11:50-2-8
Station spatiale (STC) Fri 7 Sat-Sun 6 Mon 10:45 Wed 8 Thu 10:45

Cinéma des Galeries d'Aylmer
400 boul. Wilfrid-Lavigne 819-248-2526

The Call (13+) Fri-Sun 1:10-3:20-7:10-9:20 Mon 7:10 Tue 1:10-3:20-7:10-9:20 Wed-Thu 7:10-9:20
Les Croods (STC) Fri-Sun 3:10
The Croods (STC) Fri-Sun 1
G.I. Joe: Retaliation 3D (13+) Fri-Sun 1-3:30-7-9:30 Mon 7 Tue 1-3:30-7-9:30 Wed-Thu 7-9:30
The Host (G) Fri-Sun 6:40-9:20 Mon 6:40 Tue 6:40-9:20 Wed-Thu 9:20
Le météore (G) Tue 1-3:30 Wed-Thu 7
Oblivion (STC) Thu 10
Olympus Has Fallen (13+) Fri-Sun 12:50-3:30-6:50-9:30 Mon 6:50 Tue 12:50-3:30-6:50-9:30 Wed 6:50-9:30 Thu 6:50

Ciné-starz
1100 boul. Maloney Ouest 819-568-8000

Le bon côté des choses (G) Mon-Thu 2:20-6:10
Fuyons la planète Terre (STC) Fri-Sun 12-1:35-3:10-6:35 Mon-Thu 12-3:45-5:20
L'infiltrateur (13+) Fri-Sun 5:15-7:15-9:15 Mon-Thu 1:30-7:10-9:10
La légende de Sarila (G) Fri-Sun 12-2:10-3:40-6 Mon-Thu 12-3:30
Parker (13+) Fri-Sun 5:10-7:20-9:25 Mon-Thu 1:35-7-9:10
Les Pee Wee: L'hiver qui a changé ma vie (G) Fri-Sun 12-1:30-3:40 Mon-Thu 5
Le réveil des gardiens (G) Fri-Sun 12-1:45-3:30
Un havre de paix (G) Mon-Thu 12
Une belle journée pour crever (13+) Fri-Sun 7:30-9:15 Mon-Thu 2:05-7:20-9:05
Vol d'identité (STC) Mon-Thu 12-4:10
Zombie malgré lui (13+) Fri-Sun 4:45-8:10 Mon-Thu 3:50-5:35-8:20

Gatineau 9
120 boul. de l'Hôpital 819-568-6070

11.6 (G) Fri-Sun 1:15-3:40-7:15-9:40 Mon 7:15-9:40 Tue-Thu 1:15-3:40-7:15-9:40
Assaut sur la Maison Blanche (13+) Fri-Sun 1:10-7:10 Mon 7:10 Tue-Thu 1:10-7:10
Les Croods 3D (STC) Fri-Sun 1-3:15-6:50-9 Mon 6:50-9 Tue-Thu 1-3:15-6:50-9
Film de peur 5 (STC) Fri-Sun 12:45-3:05-6:45-9:05 Mon 6:45-9:05 Tue-Thu 12:45-3:05-6:45-9:05
G.I. Joe: les représailles 3D (13+) Fri-Sun 12:50-3:35-7-9:35 Mon 7-9:35 Tue-Thu 12:50-3:35-7-9:35
L'appel (13+) Fri-Sun 3:50-9:50 Mon 9:50 Tue-Thu 3:50-9:50
L'opéra de la terreur (16+) Fri-Sun 1:20-3:45-7:20-9:45 Mon 7:20-9:45 Tue-Thu 1:20-3:45-7:20-9:45
Le Parc jurassique 3D (STC) Fri-Sun 12:30-3:20-6:30-9:15 Mon 6:30-9:15 Tue-Thu 12:30-3:20-6:30-9:15
Paulette (STC) Fri-Sun 1:05-3:10-7:05-9:10 Mon 7:05-9:10 Tue-Thu 1:05-3:10-7:05-9:10
Les âmes vagabondes (G) Fri-Sun 12:40-3:25-6:40-9:25 Mon 6:40-9:25 Tue-Thu 12:40-3:25-6:40-9:25

StarCité Hull
115 boul. du Plateau 819-770-1090

42 (G) Fri-Sun 1:40-4:35-7:30-10:25 Mon 7:30-10:25 Tue 1:40-4:35-7:30-10:25 Wed-Thu 7:30-10:25
Assaut sur la Maison Blanche (13+) Fri-Sun 1:45-4:30-7:15-10 Mon 7:15-10 Tue 1:45-4:30-7:15-10 Wed 7:15-10 Thu 7:15
The Call (13+) Fri-Sun 11:40-1:05-3:25-5:45-8:05-10:25 Mon 8:05-10:25 Tue 11:40-1:05-3:25-5:45-8:05-10:25 Wed-Thu 8:05-10:25
Les Croods (STC) Fri-Sun 11:35 Tue 11:35
The Croods (STC) Fri 11:30-11:40-2:05-4:30-6:55-9:20 Sat 11:40-2:05-4:30-6:55-9:20 Sun 11:30-11:40-2:05-4:30-6:55-9:20 Mon 7:10-9:35 Tue 11:30-11:40-2:05-4:30-6:55-9:20 Wed-Thu 7:10-9:35
Les Croods 3D (STC) Fri 12:10-2:35-5-7:25-9:50 Sat 11-12:10-2:35-5-7:25-9:50 Sun 12:10-2:35-5-7:25-9:50 Mon 7:25-9:50 Tue 12:10-2:35-5-7:25-9:50 Wed-Thu 7:25-9:50
Evil Dead (16+) Fri 11:40 Sat 11-1:20-3:40-6-8:20-10:40 Sun 11:40 Mon 8-10:20 Tue 11:40 Wed 8-10:20 Thu 8-10 Fri 1:20-3:40-6-8:20-10:40 Sun 1:20-3:40-6-8:20-10:40 Tue 1:20-3:40-6-8:20-10:40
G.I. Joe: les représailles 3D (13+) Fri-Sun 11:55-2:30-5:05-7:40-10:15 Mon 7:40-10:15 Tue 11:55-2:30-5:05-7:40-10:15 Wed-Thu 7:40-10:15
G.I. Joe: Retaliation (13+) Fri-Sun 12:25 Tue 12:25
G.I. Joe: Retaliation 3D (13+) Fri-Sun 3-5:35-8:10-10:45 Mon 7:55-10:30 Tue 3-5:35-8:10-10:45 Wed-Thu 7:55-10:30
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A Little Princess (STC) Sat 11
Oblivion (STC) Thu 8
Olympus Has Fallen (13+) Fri-Sun 11:30-2:10-4:55-7:40-10:25 Mon 7:40-10:25 Tue 11:30-2:10-4:55-7:40-10:25 Wed-Thu 7:40-10:25 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1:30
Oz le magnifique (STC) Fri-Sun 1:30-4:25-7:20-10:15 Mon 7:20-10:15 Tue 1:30-4:25-7:20-10:15 Wed 7:20-10:15 Thu 10:15
Oz the Great and Powerful (STC) Fri-Sun 2-4:55-7:50-10:45 Mon 7:30-10:25 Tue 2-4:55-7:50-10:45 Wed-Thu 7:30-10:25
La Petite princesse (STC) Sat 11
Renoir (STC) Fri 11:45-2:20-4:55-7:30-10:05 Sat 11-11:45-2:20-4:55-7:30-10:05 Sun 11:45-2:20-4:55-7:30-10:05 Mon 7:30-10:05 Tue 11:45-2:20-4:55-7:30-10:05 Wed-Thu 7:30-10:05 Thu 1
Scary Movie V (STC) Fri-Sun 11:30-1:35-3:45-6-8:15-10:30 Mon 8:15-10:30 Tue 11:30-1:35-3:45-6-8:15-10:30 Wed-Thu 8:15-10:30

Barrhaven

Barrhaven Cinemas
131 Riocan Dr., 613-825-2463

The Croods (G) Sat-Sun 12:10
The Croods 3D (G) Fri 7:40-10 Sat-Sun 2:40-5:10-7:40-10 Mon-Thu 4:45-7:20
Evil Dead (18A) Fri 7:45-10 Sat-Sun 12:25-2:50-5:15-7:45-10 Mon-Thu 5:20-7:40
G.I. Joe: Retaliation (PG) Sat-Sun 11:30
G.I. Joe: Retaliation 3D (PG) Fri 7:30-10:05 Sat-Sun 2:10-4:50-7:30-10:05 Mon-Thu 4:50-7:30
The Host (PG) Fri 6:50-9:45 Sat-Sun 1-4-6:50-9:45 Mon-Thu 5:10-7:55
A Little Princess (G) Sat 11
Olympus Has Fallen (14A) Fri 7-10:15 Sat-Sun 1:20-4:10-7-10:15 Mon-Thu 5-7:45 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
Oz the Great and Powerful (PG) Sat-Sun 11:50
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Scary Movie V (STC) Fri 7:45-10:10 Sat-Sun 12:50-3:10-5:30-7:45-10:10 Mon-Thu 5:30-8 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1

Gloucester

SilverCity, 2385 City Park Dr., 613-688-8800

42 (PG) Fri-Thu 1:45-4:45-7:45-10:40
Admission (PG) Fri 3-5:35-8:10-10:45 Sat 12:20-3-5:35-8:10-10:45 Sun-Wed 3-5:35-8:10-10:45 Thu 2-4:35-7:05
The Call (14A) Fri 2:40-5:05-7:35-10:05 Sat 12:15-2:40-5:05-7:35-10:05 Sun 4:20-7:35-10:05 Mon-Tue 2:40-5:05-7:35-10:05 Wed 4:20-10:05 Thu 1:35-4:20-10:05 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
The Croods (G) Fri 2:35 Sat-Sun 12:10 Mon-Thu 2:35
The Croods 3D (G) Fri 5:10-7:40-10:10 Sat-Sun 2:35-5:10-7:40-10:10 Mon-Thu 5:10-7:40-10:10 Sat 10:55
Evil Dead (18A) Fri 2:55-5:25-7:55-10:25 Sat-Sun 12:25-2:55-5:25-7:55-10:25 Mon-Thu 2:55-5:25-7:55-10:25
G.I. Joe: Retaliation (PG) Fri 2:50-5:30-8:05-10:45 Sat-Sun 12:05-2:50-5:30-8:05-10:45 Mon-Thu 2:50-5:30-8:05-10:45
The Host (PG) Fri-Wed 1:25-4:25-7:20-10:20 Thu 4:25-7:20
Jurassic Park 3D (PG) Thu 7:45-10:45
Jurassic Park: An IMAX 3D Experience (PG) Fri-Tue 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:30 Wed 1:30-4:30-10:30 Thu 1:30-4:30
A Little Princess (G) Sat 11
Oblivion (PG) Thu 10
Oblivion: The IMAX Experience (PG) Thu 8
Olympus Has Fallen (14A) Fri-Thu 1:10-4:05-7-9:55
Oz the Great and Powerful (PG) Fri-Thu 1
Oz the Great and Powerful 3D (PG) Fri-Thu 4-7:10-10:15
The Place Beyond the Pines (14A) Fri-Thu 1:05-4:15-7:25-10:40
Revolution (G) Fri 2:45-5-7:15-9:45 Sat-Sun 12:30-2:45-5-7:15-9:45 Mon-Tue 2:45-5-7:15-9:45 Wed 5-7:15-9:45 Thu 2:45-5-7:15-9:45 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
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Spring Breakers (18A) Fri 3:05-5:40-8-10:30 Sat-Sun 12:35-3:05-5:40-8-10:30 Mon-Thu 3:05-5:40-8-10:30
Superstar (STC) Thu 1-7
Trance (18A) Fri 2:30-5:15-7:50-10:20 Sat-Sun 12-2:30-5:15-7:50-10:20 Mon-Thu 2:30-5:15-7:50-10:20
Tyler Perry's Temptation: Confessions of a Marriage Counselor (14A) Fri-Wed 1:15-4:10-6:55-9:40 Thu 1:15-4:10-10:10
The Wizard of Oz (G) Sun 12:45 Wed 7

Orleans

Empire Theatres Orleans 6 Cinemas
3752 Innes Rd.

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Les Croods (G) Digital, Fri 2:45 Digital, Sat-Sun 11:50-2:45 Digital, Tue 11:50-2:45
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TIFF kids. Legend of Sarila billed as Canada's first 3D animated feature

When it comes to 3D animated features, it's hard to compete with the mammoth releases of Pixar and DreamWorks.

So in tackling the Inuit-themed drama The Legend of Sarila, Quebec director Nancy Florence Savard decided she wouldn't even try.

Her debut movie is billed as Canada's first-ever 3D animated feature film, and makes its mark with a strong visual signature that Savard says sets it apart from slick Hollywood offerings.

"We knew that we couldn't do something the same as what they were doing. But we knew also that people would compare us because it's an animation movie," says Savard, describing her $8.5-million film as more akin in spirit to the National Film Board.

"We chose where we will put our energy, and we knew that we didn't have that much money. So instead of trying to do a technology (heavy) movie we said, 'OK, we'll do an artistic movie.'"

The Legend of Sarila follows three young Inuit friends who make a last-ditch attempt to save their clan from famine by heading out in search of a fabled land where game and food is plentiful.

Among them is the budding shaman Markussi, voiced by Dustin Milligan, whose increasing powers threaten the status of his community's revered aging shaman Croolik, voiced by Christopher Plummer.

Savard credits the Oscar-winning Plummer with giving the film celebrity heft. But he also infused the villainous Croolik with some much-needed nuance.

"When Christopher Plummer said, 'Yes,' I was really shocked, I was really surprised, I was really happy about that," says Savard, who began her career at the television music channel MusiquePlus, Radio-Canada, Astral and TVA.

The Legend of Sarila — recommended for kids age eight and up — opens Friday in Toronto as part of the TIFF Kids International Film Festival.

The festival kicks off Tuesday with its TIFF Kids school program, offering a mix of shorts, features, foreign, live action and animated fare for audiences age three to 13.

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A scene from the 3D animated film Legend of Sarila. HANDOUT/COURTESY OF TIFF

Chris O'Dowd stars in The Sapphires, which opens next week. HANDOUT

No achy breaky hearts for Chris O'Dowd

The Sapphires. Actor's attitude toward country music parallels his character's beliefs about the genre

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"Country and western music," says Chris O'Dowd, "is a very easy thing to deride."

In The Sapphires O'Dowd plays an Irish musician playing piano in Australia's outback bars in exchange for beer money. His life is spiralling downward until he discovers a group made up of four of talented Indigenous Australian sisters. Trouble is, he doesn't like the music they sing.

"When I met you," he says in the film, "you were doing all country and western things and that's fine, we all make mistakes."

For O'Dowd that speech was art imitating life. "My dad played guitar in pubs playing country and western music," he says. "So I feel like the whole speech I do about country and western music is something that has been pent up in me since I was 14. Carrying his guitar case to listen to bad Merle Haggard tracks."

"Country and western music is huge in Ireland. I don't know why. It's all Kris Kristofferson and a bit of Willie Nelson and Clint Black. Dad was really into it. Maybe it's that country and western has some origins in bluegrass and bluegrass has origins in Irish music. There's something going on there. And Irish people love a good whine. We're great at it."

In the film he convinces the girls to trade country for soul music and shapes them into a version of The Supremes.

"I wrote this speech about how country music is about loss, but soul music is also about loss — you've lost but you haven't given up — and that has a nice payoff in the film.

"Country music is kind of whiny," he says. "He left me, now what am I going to do with my life? Whereas soul music is like, 'I'm going to get that bugger back.' It's nice. It's a nice turning point in the film where we're not going to feel sorry for ourselves. That's an important element for the entire story. About moving on."

Thinking back on his teenage years, he speculates if his attitude might have been different if dear old dad had sung a different kind of music.

"I wonder if he had been an amazing Al Green-esque songster if I would have still said, 'This is so lame.' I wonder sometimes with people whose parents are cool. I've been working with Rashida Jones recently and I'm like, 'How can you not think your dad is cool?'"

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The next big thing

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You may not have heard of any of these bands yet, but if they keep up work like this, you will

Escape/ Nightmare Air

The buzz on these people was deafening and it's only going to get louder now that their debut record, High in the Lasers, is out. Long live noise rock!

Paper Girl/ July Talk

People who saw this young Canadian band at Canadian Music Week are still raving about them. Tom Waits would be extremely proud.

Blue Collar Jane/The Strypes

The average age of this Irish band is 15-years-old. You will be hearing more about them this year, especially since they have the official Dave Grohl seal of approval.

Beyoncé and Jay-Z on a recent trip to Cuba. RAMON ESPINOSA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Jay-Z addresses his critics

New song. Rapper pens Open Letter after his recent trip to communist country comes under fire

Jay-Z is defending his recent trip to Cuba in a new song.

He released Open Letter Thursday after two Florida Republican lawmakers questioned if his visit to Havana with wife Beyoncé was officially licensed.

On the song, Jay-Z raps about his distaste for politicians and says, "Want to give me jail time and a fine, let me commit a real crime."

U.S. Treasury officials said Tuesday the couple's trip was licensed as an educational exchange.

Jay-Z and Beyoncé are avid supporters of President Barack Obama. Jay-Z raps in his song, "Obama said, 'Chill, you gon' get me impeached, you don't need this (expletive) anyway, chill with me on the beach.'"

U.S. citizens are not allowed to travel to Cuba for mere tourism.

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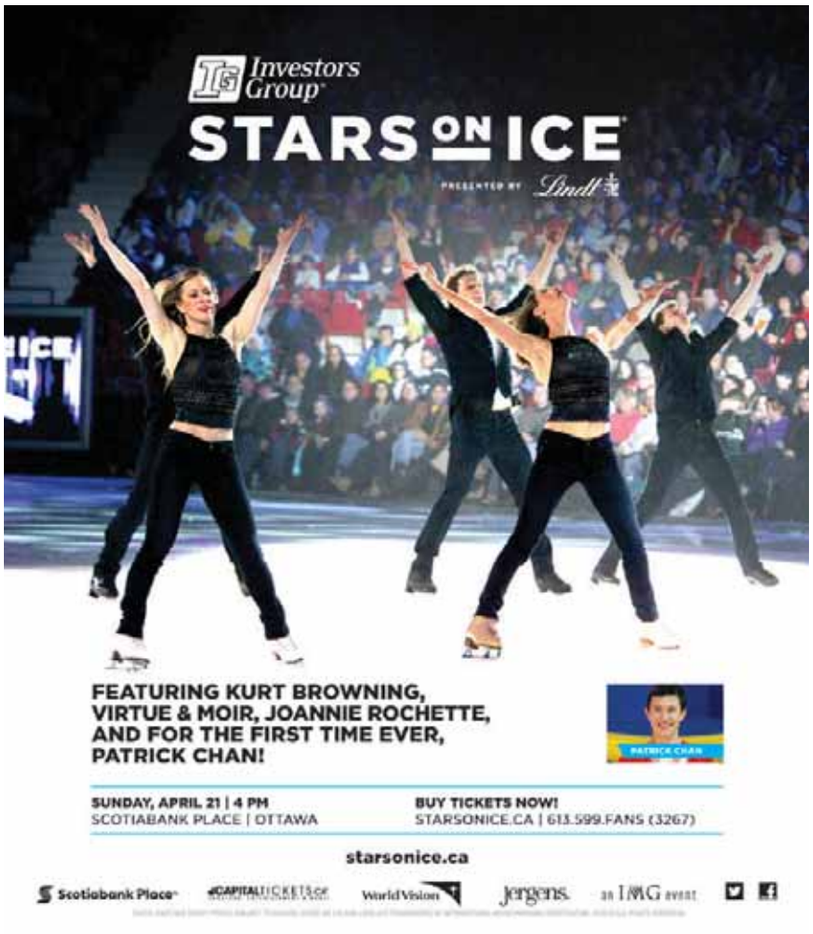

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10 years later, surprise stars will Give Up again

Interview. Jimmy Tamborello, formerly of Postal Service, will reunite with Ben Gibbard for an anniversary tour of their smash hit album

Postal Service band members Ben Gibbard, left and Jimmy Tamborello are back together for a reunion tour. BRIAN TAMBORELLO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A decade ago, Death Cab for Cutie's Ben Gibbard and electronic producer Jimmy Tamborello teamed as the Postal Service and ascended to unlikely heights with their lone album Give Up.

Give Up is being reissued with a deluxe 10th anniversary edition Tuesday, the same day the pair launches a reunion tour that will wind through Toronto's Air Canada Centre on June 11 and Vancouver's Rogers Arena on July 16.

The soft-spoken Tamborello, best-known for recording solo under the Dntel moniker, recently spoke about the initial collaboration, seeing its progression and why Give Up connected.

Originally, this partnership between you and Ben came about pretty organically, didn't it?
Yeah, definitely. There was never like a deadline or anything unfun about the process. It was all real relaxed. Getting to know somebody while making a poppy record.

What did you like about working with Ben?
The fact that we were doing it through the mail made it different than most collaborations, because we just weren't around each other.

And we didn't know each other super well when we started, so maybe in the beginning it was a little bit more reserved.

Like, I didn't want to say: "Oh, I don't like that." And I think he was the same way. (But) I think we liked what each other was doing.

How to connect

"I think it has this intimate quality just because of the way we made it and the fact that it was made in our bedrooms and mixed by us."
Jimmy Tamborello
On why Give Up was received so well

Did you suspect early on that it would be such a phenomenon? If not, when did you start to think that way?
No, I think both of us didn't really know how people would take it. It's totally surprising how many people got into it.

First thing, we did a tour in the U.S. right when the album came out, and in the beginning of the tour, the shows were pretty small. And as we travelled, the shows ahead of us kept getting moved to bigger venues and most of the shows were selling out.

Why do you think Give Up connected to the extent that it did?
I feel like I try to answer that one a lot and I never have a really good answer for it. I think it has this intimate quality just because of the way we made it and the fact that it was made in our bedrooms and mixed by us. The fact that it's such a small production makes the melancholy emotional part of it seem more real or genuine. But also, just kind of accidentally, the music came out poppier than I think we even meant it to. So I think that helped too. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

New music. Quebec band over the moon with run

Quebec band Half Moon Run are Canada's latest buzz band. HANDOUT

Opening for popular British band Mumford & Sons on the band's current tour has been a heady experience for Montreal's Half Moon Run.

"It's extraordinary," says Dylan Phillips, who does triple duty as keyboardist, drummer and singer with the Montreal-based pop rockers. "We've played in the biggest halls of our lives."

Like when excited fans packed the Anvers Sportpaleis in Belgium.

"The Mumford fans were crazy, so they were there very early," Phillips recalled in a telephone interview from Germany. "At the end of our set, there were already 18,000 people there. It was a little scary but it went well."

In Amsterdam, Half Moon Run was invited on stage by the show's stars.

"They asked us to join them on stage to play The Weight. The other opening band was there too. Everyone had instruments. It was memorable."

Fans of the European scene, Half Moon Run's has a busy schedule.

Hailing from Ontario and British Columbia, the members of Half Moon Run met in Montreal when they were students.

About a year after the Canadian release of Dark Eyes, their first album, international interest began to grow.

Now it seems they barely have time to catch their breath.
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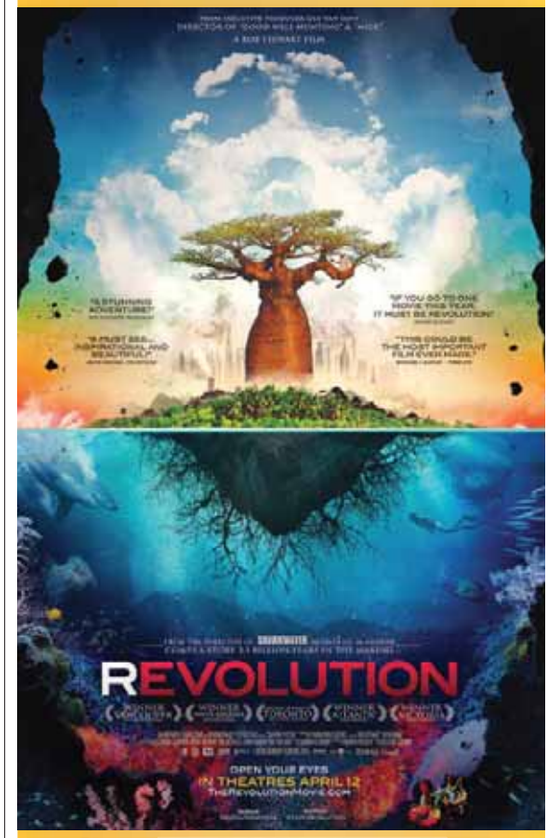

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Come on! Top 5 recurring jokes on Arrested Development

TV. Fan sites dedicated to Arrested Development have catalogued dozens of beloved recurring jokes, so coming up with a short list isn't easy. But here are five of the most memorable jokes that have popped up repeatedly and may re-emerge for season four, on Netflix starting May 26.

"Come on!"

It's mostly Gob's catchphrase but several characters have enthusiastically barked out the famous one-liner throughout the series in a pique of frustration.

"I've made a huge mistake"

Another line that's repeatedly uttered by Gob but is borrowed by other characters. The recurring gag is made funnier when Gob says to Michael in an episode, "I've never admitted to a mistake."

Chicken taunts

It's a family tradition to taunt and mock a fellow Bluth by clucking and dancing like a chicken in their face. Nearly everyone in the family has been seen doing it, with their own personal style, although none do it very well. "Has anyone in this family even seen a chicken?" says Michael Bluth, played by Jason Bateman, in one episode.

Never nude

Seasons one and two are littered with references to the affliction suffered by Tobias Funke, played by David Cross, who can't bring himself to be naked.

Next time/Previously on Arrested Development

Some of the funniest quick laughs come during the "Previously on" and "Next time on" segments that bookend episodes — and are typically filled with non sequiturs that completely stray from the show's real storylines.

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More than one familiar Voice from the past

Television. While there are plenty of new faces on the NBC singing show, there are a few familiar ones as well

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Keeping up with the many seasons of various singing competitions is a tall task (you have to commit two nights of your TV-watching week, and once you find a contestant to root for, he or she could be gone the next week) — but when The Voice came back late last month for its fourth season, there were a few familiar faces along with the new ones.

Veteran judges Adam Levine and Blake Shelton welcomed newbies Shakira and Usher to the judges table, but there was also a mix of old and new amongst the contestants during the premiere's blind auditions.

Contestant Garett Gardner says he didn't let previous seasons' disappointment stand in the way of auditioning again.

"I took into account what, in particular, Blake had told me — because he was really the one who gave me some really harsh but much-needed constructive criticism," says the 17-year-old singer, who wowed Shakira enough with his version of the White Stripes' Seven Nation Army to make it onto her team.

Holly Tucker is also no stranger to The Voice. The Texan, who made it onto Blake's team, auditioned for season one of the competition. Tucker says she values that the judges couldn't see her while she sang.

"I've been judged in the past and it's something that you just have to get a thick skin and learn to deal with — which is what I think I've done over the past years," she says.

Constructive criticism

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Holly Tucker, contestant on The Voice

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Metro staff description
This beer is as "velvety as the royal capes in Game of Thrones" and even got props from one non-beer drinker noting they can "actually drink this without cringing."

Some thought the partnership with HBO was "weird" but the "tasty" blonde ale is "crisp" and "like a girl beer a guy won't be embarrassed to drink." Although one did wonder, "Is this just Blue Moon in a fancy bottle?" METRO

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Couple of the year shockingly having relationship trouble

Reports that Rihanna and Chris Brown have broken up might not exactly be accurate, but that doesn't mean the couple is happy, according to Us Weekly.

A source tells the magazine that while the pair hasn't actually split up, they are fighting all the time.

"Every second it's a blow-up and then full-on in love," the source says. "She's touring and working her ass off, and he's working his off in the studio," and those busy schedules are adding to the stress.

Rihanna is even using work to vent some of her frustrations, asking an audience at an L.A. concert this week, "How many of you are in love? How many of you hate love? ... I'm in that group. The confused group."

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

The Word

Kristen Stewart crashes a little kid's party — sort of

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Look. I know the members of Hanson are old and they have, like, 23 kids between them (even the baby drummer has procreated — twice).

I've interviewed them several times and the voice on the other end wasn't prepubescent (they are also supersensitive to people thinking they are teenagers, something I learned the hard way when I squealed, "You are so grown up!" to them.)

I've even listened to their later albums. What I'm saying is: I know they are old and capable of partying.

But when I read on E! News that Kristen Stewart decided to celebrate her 23rd birthday by crashing a record release party for the band at L.A. nightspot No Vacancy, my first thought was, "What is KStew doing with a bunch of eight-year-olds?"

Apparently, if you broke out as a little person, I will always consider you a little person (don't get me started on Lil' Bow Wow.)

Anyway, according to E!, the birthday girl arrived around 11 p.m. with Robert Pattinson and about 10 friends in tow, though it was unclear if they knew ahead of time about the band's party.

"They weren't overly affectionate or anything, but at points they were standing together as they talked to friends," a source says of Stewart and Pattinson.

And then Hanson played pin-the-tail on the donkey, ate confetti cake and all three had temper tantrums when they were told it was bedtime. I'm so sorry, Hanson. Next interview we do together, impress me with your 401K plan and maybe I'll wrap my head around the fact of your aging.

Madonna

Madonna feud heating up

Madonna's ongoing feud with Malawi President Joyce Banda isn't getting any better, with Banda now blasting the singer for reportedly demanding expedited travel privileges for herself and her entourage for a recent visit to the country, according to Yahoo! News.

"Granted, Madonna is a famed international musician," Banda says in a statement. "But that does not impose an injunction of obligation on any government under whose territory Madonna finds herself, including Malawi, to give her state treatment. Such treatment, even if she deserved it, is discretionary."

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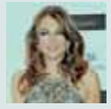

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Seacrest swats away latest prank

Ryan Seacrest is the latest celebrity to fall victim to swatting, a prank in which a phoney 911 call comes in triggering a swat team response to the star's home, according to E! News.

"A caller reported that a group of armed men was trying to break into Mr. Ryan Seacrest's residence," the Beverly Hills Police Department statement reads. "Upon arrival, officers made contact with private security at the residence and were told there was no trouble. Officers also contacted Mr. Seacrest and he also confirmed that everything was OK."

Ryan Seacrest

Selena Gomez and Justin Timberlake were each targeted by a swatting prank last week as well.

Liquid Assets

The wrap on Pinot grigio

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Much like a human union, when it comes to food and wine, the bride often comes with an entourage that can't be ignored.

Big holiday meals are a classic example. Though the turkey might be the star of the show, every side dish puts its two cents worth into how successful the outcome of the liquid pairing will be.

Wraps create an everyday conundrum. They're sort of like an elaborate meal rolled into one conveniently edible package.

This week's lead recipe combines smoked salmon (that works with many wines, from a pinot noir red to a white, german off-dry riesling), creamy avocado (a chardonnay fan) and capers (which prefer a rosé).

The trick is to find a harmonious middle ground, and with this dish, all roads lead to pinot grigio. Typically a light, lean, easy-going style of white wine, it meets many ingredients halfway. With its subtle honeyed flavour and citrusy backbone, Mezzacorona's 2012 Pinot Grigio ($11.95 to $15.99) has a bit more heft than the average PG, making it a versatile wrap wine.

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On a (healthy) roll with smoked salmon

Smoked Salmon, Cheese, Avocado and Caper Wrap. Looking for a light lunch idea? Try this refreshing combination with a unique cheese twist

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My version of a lox and cream cheese sandwich has fewer calories, less fat, and more interesting and tasty ingredients! The light ricotta and cream cheese combination is the key substitute for regular cream cheese.

This recipe serves eight. LORELLA VANETTI, FROM ROSE REISMAN'S COMPLETE LIGHT KITCHEN (WHITECAP BOOKS)

Ingredients

- 1/3 cup smooth light ricotta
- 2 tbsp light cream cheese
- 1/3 cup goat cheese
- 2 tbsp light mayonnaise
- 2 tsp freshly squeezed lemon juice
- 1 tsp Dijon mustard
- 1/2 tsp crushed fresh garlic
- pinch freshly ground black pepper
- 4 large tortillas (preferably whole wheat)
- 4 pieces leafy lettuce
- 4 oz smoked salmon, diced
- 1/2 cup diced red onion
- 1/2 cup diced ripe avocado
- 1 tbsp capers

1. Purée the ricotta, cream cheese, goat cheese, mayonnaise, lemon juice, mustard, garlic and pepper in a small food processor, or with a hand beater, until smooth.

2. Divide the cheese mixture among the tortillas, spreading it to 1/4 inch from the edges. Place the lettuce overtop.

3. Scatter the salmon, onion, avocado and capers over the lettuce. Roll the bottom of each tortilla up and over the filling, fold in the sides and roll the tortilla up tightly. Cut in half before serving.

ROSE REISMAN'S COMPLETE LIGHT KITCHEN (WHITECAP BOOKS)

Nutritional analysis

Per serving: 124 calories; 7 g protein; 6.1 g fat; 2.1 g saturated fat; 14 g carbohydrates; 12 mg cholesterol; 324 mg sodium; 1.8 g fibre

This Spinach, Leeks & Chicken Sandwich recipe serves four. NEWS CANADA

Slimming down Chicken Salad

1. Heat butter over medium-low heat in a fry pan. Add leek and cook 3-4 minutes or until soft. Add 3 cups (375 ml) spinach and cook 2-3 minutes or until completely wilted. Season with salt, pepper and nutmeg. Remove from heat to cool.

2. Chop spinach and leek mixture roughly. Stir in crumbled feta cheese and chopped chicken.

3. Brush one side of each slice of toasted bread lightly with olive oil. Top olive oil side of 4 slices of bread with chicken mixture, remaining fresh spinach and bread slices. Cut each sandwich in half and serve.

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Ingredients

- 1 tbsp (15 ml) butter
- 1 leek, thinly sliced
- 5 cups (750 ml) fresh spinach, divided
- Salt and pepper
- Pinch nutmeg
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) crumbled feta cheese
- 3 Maple Leaf Prime Naturally Boneless Skinless Chicken Breasts, cooked and coarsely chopped
- Olive oil
- 8 slices Dempster's WholeGrains Ancient Grains Bread, toasted

Have a few gaps in your schedule you're looking to fill?
Whether you're hoping to dance, drink or just relax, check out these hot upcoming events.

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Sum kind of wonderful

If you were in high school during the early '00s in Canada, chances are you had a copy of Sum 41's album All Killer No Filler. Now with more than 12 million records sold, the popular Ajax, Ont. punk rockers round out their worldwide tour at Scotiabank Place tonight with pals Billy Talent and Hollerado on Friday. Visit sum41.com.

I'll take some comedy with my striptease

Expect theatrical striptease, comedy and variety performances from award-winning boylesque performer Paco Fish as the Burlesque Vanguard Tour rolls into Zaphod's. The American "King of Southern Exposure" joins international entertainer Cherry Typhoon (an expert in Okinawa dance) and Ottawa's own fierce redhead Helvetica Bold for a sensational night out. Friday.

Gagnon brings the One Man Hit Parade

"The man with 400 voices" André-Philippe Gagnon visits Centrepointe Theatre tomorrow, bringing the likes of Elvis, Gnarls Barkley and even Susan Boyle to life in his show, One Man Hit Parade. The award-winning impressionist presents a chronological and interactive history of rock and roll for this musical show that will leave you in stitches. Saturday. Go to andrephilippegagnon.com.

The Cottage and Backyard Show

If you're dreaming of that perfect hideaway in the Muskokas or thinking about whipping around on a Sea-doo, visit The Cottage and Backyard Show at the Ernst and Young Centre this weekend. With everything for outdoor living from furniture to the latest cottage services and products, you're bound to inspire the perfect getaway. Friday to Sunday. Learn more at caneastshows.ca/cottage-home.

Travel back to the Jazz Age

Watch out for Gatsby amongst the fabulous flappers at Ottawa's own Jazz Age soirée happening tomorrow night at the Government Conference Centre. Celebrating their 20th anniversary, the annual charity gala aims to bring young professionals together to help underprivileged youth. Just be careful to hold onto your fascinators and coattails on the dance floor. Saturday. Visit ottawagala.com.

Up the punx: Ottawa Sucks

Cramming more than 20 international hardcore punk bands into just three days, Ottawa Sucks Volume 1 is not for the faint of heart. Expect hard-hitting rock and roll, moshing and sweaty people piling into venues — from basements to Overkill Bar — all weekend. England's Doom (doomcrustpunk.com) play Montgomery Legion on Friday with Ratface from Pittsburgh opening.

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No comeback for Jays this time

Jays starter Josh Johnson gave up six runs in 1 1/3 innings on Thursday in Detroit. GETTY IMAGES

MLB. Toronto falls behind for second straight game, but Tigers finish job in series finale

Josh Johnson put his team in another tough spot with one of the worst outings of his career.

The Toronto right-hander was knocked out of the game in the second inning on Thursday — the latest poor start by a Blue Jays pitcher — and the Detroit Tigers rolled to an 11-1 win at chilly Comerica Park.

Miguel Cabrera tripled, scored twice and even stole a base for the Tigers, and Doug Fister (2-0) allowed a run and eight hits in eight innings.

Johnson (0-1) allowed six runs and seven hits in 1 1/3 innings — the shortest start of his career.

"I haven't thrown a slider for a strike yet, and I need that pitch. When I'm throwing it for strikes, it is something that the hitters have to think about, but this is two starts now, and it hasn't happened," Johnson said. "I didn't have anything today. They were all over my curveball for some reason, and the fastball was just hanging over the plate."

On Thursday

Tigers	Blue Jays
11	1

Prince Fielder had four RBIs and Torii Hunter added three for the Tigers.

The temperature at game time was 2 C, the coldest for a Detroit home game since 1996, according to STATS.

"It certainly was uncomfortable pitching out there today, but look what the other guy did," Johnson said.

The Blue Jays have not lived up to early expectations because of poor pitching. Their starters are now 1-4 with a 7.59 ERA.

Toronto, a chic pick to win the AL East after acquiring Johnson, Jose Reyes and R.A. Dickey in the off-season, has lost three straight series to start the year for the first time since 1978. The Blue Jays lost four straight series to start that season. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ice to meet you: Senators fall to Flyers in City of Brotherly Love

Flyers goalie Ilya Bryzgalov gets a snow shower from Senators forward Jakob Silfverberg in the first period on Thursday in Philadelphia. Colin Greening scored a go-ahead power-play goal at 14:24 of the third and Daniel Alfredsson added an empty-netter as the Senators snapped a five-game losing streak with a 3-1 victory. TOM MIHALEK/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

You Can Play. NHL stands up against homophobia

The NHL and National Hockey League Players' Association have partnered with the You Can Play Project, an advocacy organization fighting homophobia in sports.

The You Can Play Project was founded by Philadelphia Flyers scout Patrick Burke in March 2012 in memory of Brendan Burke, Patrick's younger brother and the son of former NHL GM Brian Burke.

You Can Play will conduct seminars for NHL rookies and make resources and personnel available individual teams as desired.

"The NHL is inclusive. If you're a player, if you're a coach, if you're a media member, if you're management of if you're a fan it's now set in stone, signed and sealed by the lawyers that the NHL and the NHL players want to include you," said Patrick Burke.

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NHL

Kovalchuk's return date still unclear

Ilya Kovalchuk will not play for the reeling New Jersey Devils until his injured right shoulder feels comfortable.

After skating with nine other players on Thursday, Kovalchuk was uncertain whether he would be able to play for the defending Eastern Conference champions on Friday against the Ottawa Senators.

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MLB. Severed goat's head left outside Wrigley Field

The Chicago Cubs found a severed goat's head at Wrigley Field on Wednesday, and they're treating the reference to a longtime curse as a crime.

Chicago police were called in to investigate after a man stopped the white van he was driving, walked a box to a security entrance on Waveland Avenue and put it down, Cubs spokesman Julian Green said. In 1945, a tavern owner named William "Billy Goat" Sianis tried to bring a goat to a World Series game, but was told his goat — which had a ticket — smelled too much to be admitted. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Quoted

"Obviously, it's just an unfortunate fan doing something pretty stupid."

Cubs manager Dale Sveum

4 SPORTS

Garcia enjoys lead at Masters 'while it lasts'

Golf. Spaniard shares top spot with Leishman after opening with 66

Sergio Garcia tees off on the 17th hole at the Masters on Thursday in Augusta, Ga. Garcia shared the lead with Marc Leishman after shooting a 66 on Day 1. HARRY HOW/GETTY IMAGES

Sergio Garcia is still chasing that first major title.

It never figured to come at Augusta National.

But there he was Thursday, after a bogey-free opening round, sharing the top spot on the leaderboard at the Masters.

"Obviously, this is not my most favourite place," Garcia said, trying to be diplomatic. "But we try to enjoy it as much as we can every time we come here. Sometimes it comes out better than others. Today was one of those good days. Let's enjoy it while it lasts."

Garcia's 6-under 66 tied him with Aussie Marc Leishman on a cloudy day that was made for going low. The Spaniard took advantage, rekindling memories of the teen phenom who seemed certain to win numerous major titles after he battled with Tiger Woods at the 1999 PGA Championship, losing by a single stroke.

Garcia has challenged in other majors, but rarely at the Masters — a course that doesn't seem to fit his style or shaky putter. In 14 appearances at Augusta National, he has finished in the top 10 only twice.

This year, Woods is still the favourite after opening with a 70. But it appears he'll have a lot of competition.

"I felt like I putted well today," said Woods, whose only lower opening-round score at Augusta was a 68 in 2010. "We've got a long way to go.... The golf course is going to change dramatically. You've just got to make adjustments."

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Quoted

"Today was a nice day, one of those days you really enjoy. Hopefully, I'll have three more of those and we'll see what happens on Sunday night."

Sergio Garcia

Guan Tianlang

Anything but green at 14

Fourteen-year-old Guan Tianlang is the youngest golfer ever to compete at the Masters.

But he looked more like a veteran Thursday when he shot a 1-over 73 in his debut at Augusta National.

Guan made a 15-footer from off the green to birdie his final hole, getting a standing ovation.

If he plays this way Friday, the eighth-grader from China could set another record as the youngest player to make the cut at the Masters.

14-year-old Guan Tianlang THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Soccer

EPL first to adopt goal-line tech

The English Premier League on Thursday became the first national competition in world football to approve the use of goal-line technology, with Hawk-Eye being deployed at stadiums for next season.

The Spanish and German leagues, however, said they would hold off from giving referees high-tech aids for at least two years, while the Italians have no plans to use such systems.

The English have championed Hawk-Eye since 2006, but FIFA opposed the use of technology until 2010 when England's World Cup campaign ended following a game that saw Frank Lampard denied a legitimate goal.

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German goalkeeper Manuel Neuer watches the ball bounce over the line on Frank Lampard's shot during the 2010 World Cup in South Africa. GETTY IMAGES FILE

Legend. Canadian Sports Hall of Fame induction latest honour for Sakic

Hockey Hall of Famer and two-time Stanley Cup champion Joe Sakic headlines this year's list of inductees into Canada's Sports Hall of Fame.

Sakic, who had 1,641 career regular-season points over 20 seasons in the NHL, won championships with the Colorado Avalanche in 1996 and 2001. He also won titles at the Winter Olympics, world hockey championship, World Cup of Hockey, world junior championships and Memorial Cup.

Also named in the athlete category Thursday were cyclist Alison Sydor, curler Russ Howard, Paralympian Andre Viger and the 1992 Olympic champion women's coxless four rowing team of Kirsten Barnes, Brenda Taylor, Jessica Monroe-Gonin, Kay Worthington and Jennifer Walinga.

Former Canadian Amateur Hockey Association president Murray Costello and sport development architect Dr. Jean-Guy Ouellet will be inducted as builders.

Howard will be the 14th curler to be named to the hall and the first since the Sandra Schmirler team (Schmirler, Jan Betker, Joan McCusker and Marcia Gudereit) was inducted in 2000.

Joe Sakic at his Hockey Hall of Fame induction last November. GETTY IMAGES

"It's really exciting and it's pretty humbling," said Howard. "I was looking at the list of hall of fame members the other day and you see guys like Gordie Howe, Wayne Gretzky and Bobby Orr. You think about the magnitude of those guys, and here I am on the same list.

"Going in with Joe Sakic and the rowing team is pretty cool. I've had a decent career, but when you're talking about the Canadian Sports Hall of Fame, you're thinking about athletes you've watched on TV forever"

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NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
z-Miami	62	16	.795	—
y-New York	51	26	.662	10½
y-Indiana	49	29	.628	13
x-Brooklyn	46	32	.590	16
x-Chicago	42	35	.545	19½
x-Atlanta	43	36	.544	19½
x-Boston	40	38	.513	22
x-Milwaukee	37	41	.474	25
Philadelphia	31	47	.397	31
Toronto	30	48	.385	32
Washington	29	50	.367	33½
Detroit	27	52	.342	35½
Cleveland	24	54	.308	38
Orlando	20	59	.253	42½
Charlotte	18	60	.231	44

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Oklahoma City	57	21	.731	—
y-San Antonio	57	21	.731	—
x-Denver	54	24	.692	3
y-L.A. Clippers	52	26	.667	5
x-Memphis	53	25	.679	4
x-Golden State	45	33	.577	12
x-Houston	44	34	.564	13
L.A. Lakers	42	37	.532	15½
Utah	41	38	.519	16½
Dallas	38	40	.487	19
Portland	33	45	.423	24
Minnesota	29	49	.372	28
Sacramento	28	50	.359	29
New Orleans	27	52	.342	30½
Phoenix	24	55	.304	33½

x — clinched playoff berth z — clinched conference
y — clinched division

THURSDAY'S RESULTS
New York at Chicago
Oklahoma City at Golden State

FRIDAY'S GAMES — All Times Eastern
Chicago at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Brooklyn at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at Washington, 7 p.m.
New York at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Charlotte at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Boston at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Milwaukee at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
Memphis at Houston, 8 p.m.
Denver at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Sacramento at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Utah, 9 p.m.
Oklahoma City at Portland, 10 p.m.
Golden State at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pt
y-Pittsburgh	40	30	10	0	0	132	98	60
Boston	39	26	9	2	2	113	85	56
Washington	40	21	17	2	0	120	112	44
Montreal	39	25	9	3	2	122	94	55
Toronto	40	22	13	0	5	123	112	49
Ottawa	39	19	14	2	4	96	88	44
NY Islanders	40	20	16	3	1	117	120	44
NY Rangers	40	20	16	0	4	99	96	44
Winnipeg	41	20	19	0	2	102	121	42
New Jersey	40	15	15	3	7	96	111	40
Buffalo	40	16	18	2	4	106	122	38
Philadelphia	39	17	19	1	2	107	122	37
Tampa Bay	39	17	20	0	2	124	116	36
Carolina	39	16	21	1	1	102	126	34
Florida	39	13	20	5	1	96	132	32

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pt
x-Chicago	39	30	5	0	4	129	83	64
Anaheim	41	27	9	2	3	124	103	59
Vancouver	40	23	11	1	5	109	96	52
Los Angeles	40	22	14	1	3	115	101	48
San Jose	39	20	12	3	4	98	98	47
St. Louis	38	22	14	1	1	107	98	46
Minnesota	39	22	15	1	1	103	98	46
Detroit	39	19	15	3	2	99	101	43
Phoenix	40	18	16	2	4	108	107	42
Dallas	39	19	17	2	1	109	118	41
Columbus	40	17	16	3	4	95	104	41
Edmonton	40	16	17	4	3	102	111	39
Nashville	41	15	18	2	6	96	110	38
Calgary	39	14	21	1	3	103	138	32
Colorado	40	13	22	4	1	94	125	31

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THURSDAY'S RESULTS
Ottawa at Philadelphia
NY Islanders at Boston
Carolina at Washington
Pittsburgh at Tampa Bay
San Jose at Detroit
Montreal at Buffalo
St. Louis at Minnesota
Florida at Winnipeg
Colorado at Los Angeles

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS
NY Rangers 3 Toronto 2 (SO)
Boston 5 New Jersey 4
Phoenix 3 Edmonton 1
Vancouver 4 Calgary 1
Colorado 4 Anaheim 1

FRIDAY'S GAMES — All Times Eastern
Ottawa at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
St. Louis at Columbus, 7 p.m.
Dallas at Nashville, 8 p.m.
Detroit at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Calgary, 9 p.m.

MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	5	3	.625	—
Baltimore	4	4	.500	1
New York	4	4	.500	1
Tampa Bay	4	5	.444	1½
Toronto	3	6	.333	2½

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Kansas City	6	3	.667	—
Detroit	5	4	.556	1
Chicago	4	4	.500	1½
Minnesota	4	5	.444	2
Cleveland	3	5	.375	2½

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Oakland	7	2	.778	—
Texas	6	3	.667	1
Seattle	4	6	.400	3½
Houston	3	6	.333	4
Los Angeles	2	6	.250	4½

THURSDAY'S RESULTS
Detroit 11 Toronto 1
N.Y. Yankees at Cleveland
Baltimore at Boston
Oakland at L.A. Angels
Texas at Seattle

FRIDAY'S GAMES — All times Eastern
Chicago White Sox (Quintana 0-0) at Cleveland (Masterson 2-0), 7:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Gonzalez 1-0) at N.Y. Yankees (Sabathia 1-1), 7:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Cobb 1-0) at Boston (Doubront 0-0), 7:10 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Niese 1-0) at Minnesota (Worley 0-1), 8:10 p.m.
Toronto (Happ 1-0) at Kansas City (Mendoza 0-0), 8:10 p.m.
Detroit (Scherzer 1-0) at Oakland (Colon 1-0), 10:05 p.m.
Houston (Norris 1-1) at L.A. Angels (Hanson 1-0), 10:05 p.m.
Texas (Darvish 2-0) at Seattle (Iwakuma 1-0), 10:10 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

THURSDAY'S RESULTS
San Francisco 7 Chicago Cubs 6
Chicago White Sox at Washington
L.A. Dodgers at San Diego

FRIDAY'S GAMES — All times Eastern
San Francisco (Cain 0-1) at Chicago Cubs (Villanueva 0-0), 2:20 p.m.
Cincinnati (Leake 0-0) at Pittsburgh (Burnett 0-2), 7:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Teheran 0-0) at Washington (Detwiler 0-0), 7:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Lannan 0-0) at Miami (Nolasco 0-1), 7:10 p.m.
Milwaukee (Lohse 0-0) at St. Louis (Miller 1-0), 8:15 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Kershaw 2-0) at Arizona (Corbin 1-0), 9:40 p.m.
Colorado (Garland 1-0) at San Diego (Ross 0-1), 10:10 p.m.

Horoscopes

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
If someone questions your motives or authority today, you must make it clear to them that you are the boss and you will do as you please. Say it nicely, of course, but make sure they know that you mean it.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
Certain people seem to believe you exist solely to look out for their interests. Now is the time to remind them you have needs of your own and that they must come first — always.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
You may want to explain your actions to loved ones, though chances are they won't understand so why waste the time. Do what you have to do and let them figure it out.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
What is the one thing you desire above all? Is there a chance you will get it soon? If not, don't give up. Make your plans then take a step in the right direction and keep going.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
The planets will have you rushing around in all directions today. One moment you'll be going this way, the next you'll be going that way, and half an hour later it will be all change again. Time for a vacation.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Why have you allowed your fears to get the better of you? Whatever your problems, you are exaggerating them to such an extent that it is stopping you from taking action. Believe that things will get better.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
It's not like you to get upset over trivial things but you have allowed minor everyday matters to get under your skin. Don't worry, over the weekend you'll find reasons to smile.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
What is destined to happen will happen. The sooner you accept that, the sooner you can start turning events to your advantage. Don't dread the future, welcome it.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Pluto begins one of its retrograde phases today, which warns of confusion in your dealings with powerful people. It may seem as if they are being unreasonable but be patient. Everything will be OK.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Whatever you decide to do today, someone is sure to be unhappy about it. But that must not stop you from taking whatever action you think is correct. Remember: You cannot please everyone.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
You will clash with someone whose way of looking at the world is very different from your own, on the surface at least. Dig a little deeper and you may find you are alike.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
A friend will do something today that you find hard to understand. It may seem as if they are acting irresponsibly but you could also be expecting too much.

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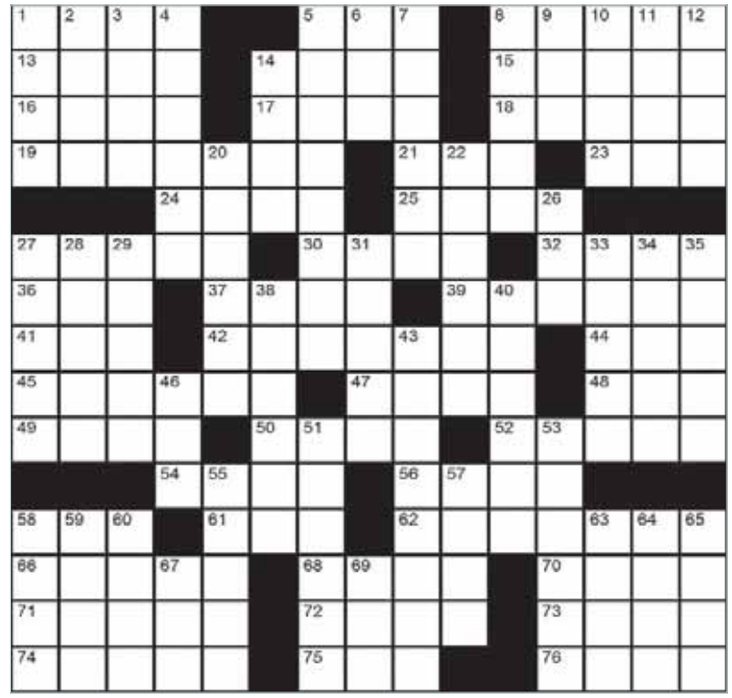
Crossword: Canada Across and Down

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.

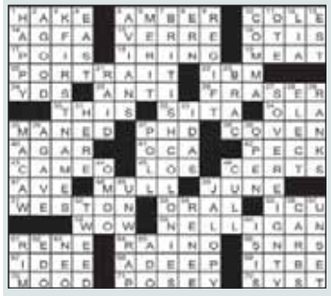
BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN



Across
1. Crack
5. Actor Matthew
8. The Apprenticeship of __ Kravitz (1959 novel by #43-Down)
13. Commotion
14. "Dig a __" by The Beatles
15. Gorge village of Southwestern Ontario
16. __-doers
17. __ Sea (body of water in Central Asia)
18. Type of vision correction surgery
19. French artist, Henri __ (b.1869 - d.1954)
21. "__ la la!"
23. Mini-albums, for short
24. Hershey's product, for short
25. Jaunt
27. Lion __ (Circus performer)
30. Each: 2 wds.
32. Authentic
36. Tip to 'maniac'
37. Bear in Space
39. Up more
41. Jeff Lynne's gr.
42. Gary __ (NHL Commissioner)
44. 'Emp' ending
45. 1979 Nobel Peace Prize winner, Mother __
47. Pros and whats?
48. Li'l digits
49. Shoe part
50. Comedian/actor Jay
52. Linda of "Dynasty"
54. In __ of (Replacing)
56. Chop the veggies
58. Greece neighbor [abbr.]
61. Museum stuff
62. Competitor
66. Kingdom
68. Be without
70. Close by
71. Barbecue item, Shish __ [var. sp.]
72. Unfortunately
73. River in Normandy
74. Timetables, slangly-spelled
75. Nintendo game console
76. We, in Westmount

Down
1. Bloom's balancer
2. __ Scotia
3. Mine passage
4. OPP part
5. Weather outlook
6. "Snakes __ Plane" (2006): 2 wds.
7. Coldplay album: 'Mylo __'
8. Capital of India, New __
9. 'Spat' suffix (Pancakes flipper)
10. Doctor's amount
11. Mr. Boring
12. Shaggy creatures of Tibet
14. Ballroom dance, with Doble
20. Garden items
22. Sci-Fi series starring Regina-born actress Tatiana Maslany, "__ Black"
26. Clothesline clasp
27. Zipper bits
28. With much merriment
29. Singer/actress Mandy
31. Quilt's one-of-some
33. Dinnerware (Popular wedding gift)
34. Wading†bird
35. Hair lock
38. Kitchen gadget to get the juice out
40. Bug
43. Author Richler
46. Kay's follower
51. Wanted Poster person
53. City in British Columbia
55. Poetic feet
57. Signs a contract, colloquially
58. Bible-style boats
59. Soup vegetable
60. Pig in the movies
63. Nestle treat
64. Mork's greeting, when doubled
65. Uno + dos = ?
67. Fellow
69. Actress Ms. Larter

Yesterday's Crossword



Sudoku

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

	1		5		3		4	
3			8		4			7
	4			9			6	
		4				8		
2	5						9	1
		6				5		
	2			1			8	
4			9		2			3
	3		6		7		1	

Yesterday's Sudoku

5	2	7	4	6	3	9	8	1
1	9	4	5	7	8	6	3	2
6	8	3	1	2	9	7	4	5
7	1	5	2	8	4	3	9	6
2	6	8	3	9	5	4	1	7
3	4	9	6	1	7	5	2	8
4	7	2	8	3	6	1	5	9
9	3	1	7	5	2	8	6	4
8	5	6	9	4	1	2	7	3

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